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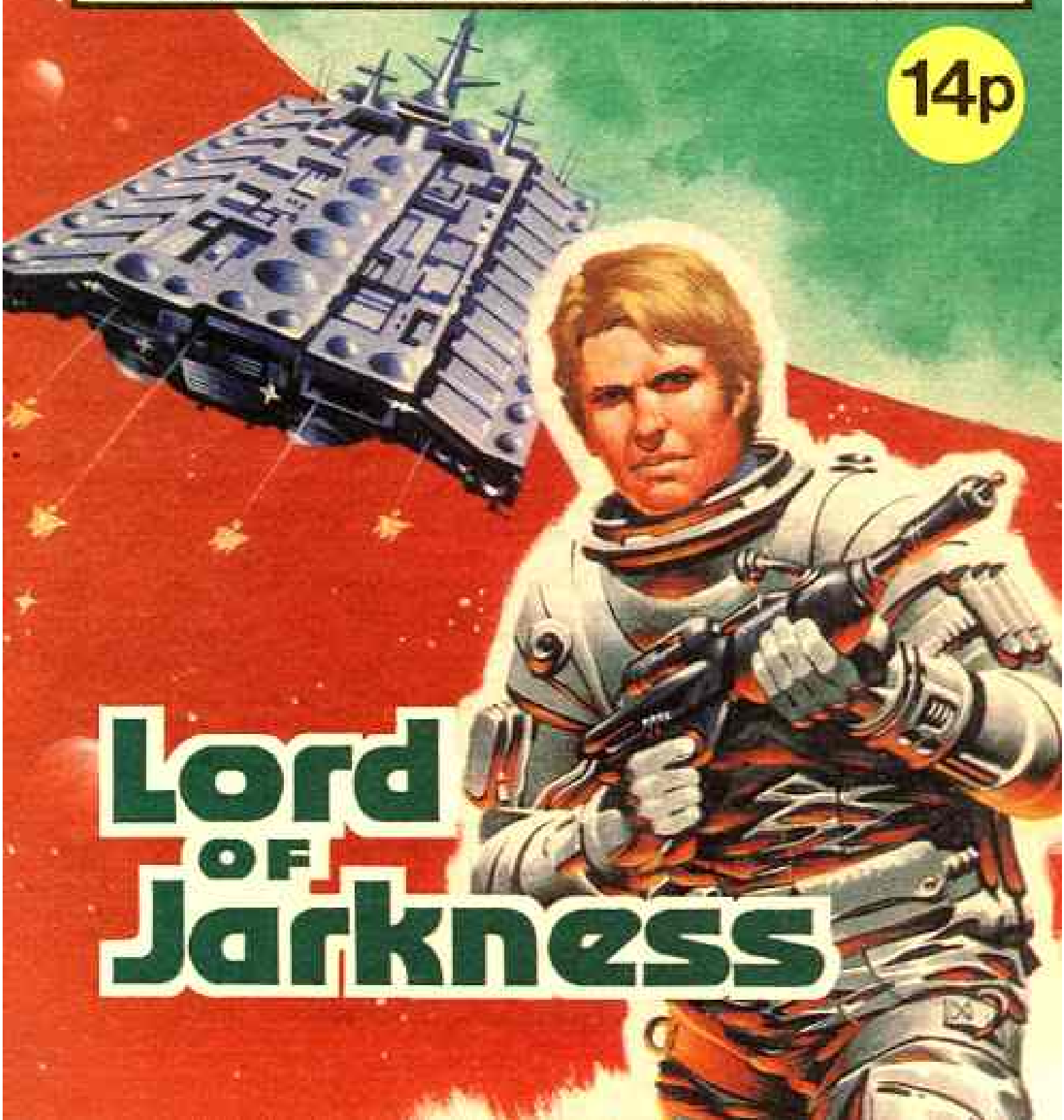
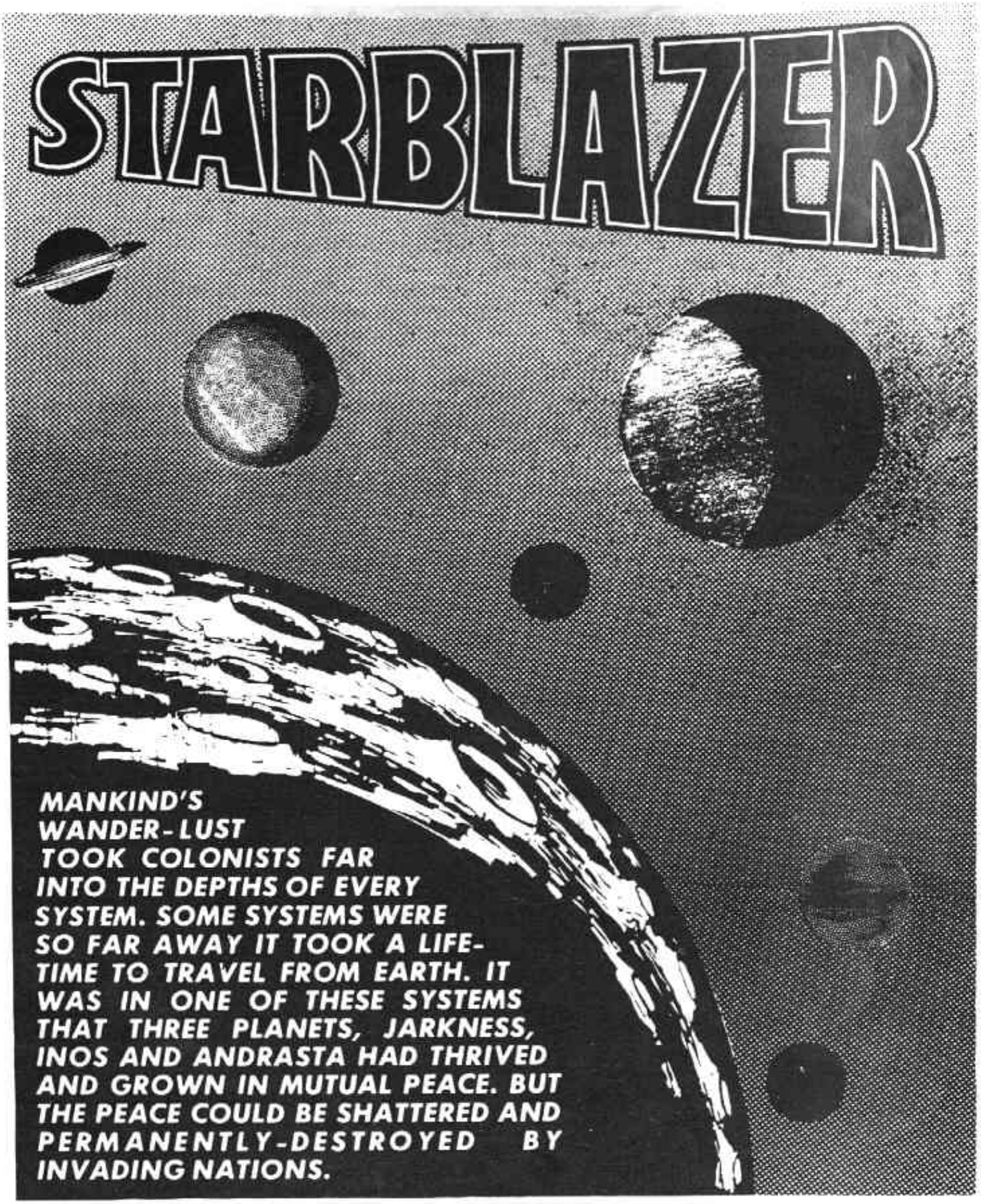


Lord of Darkness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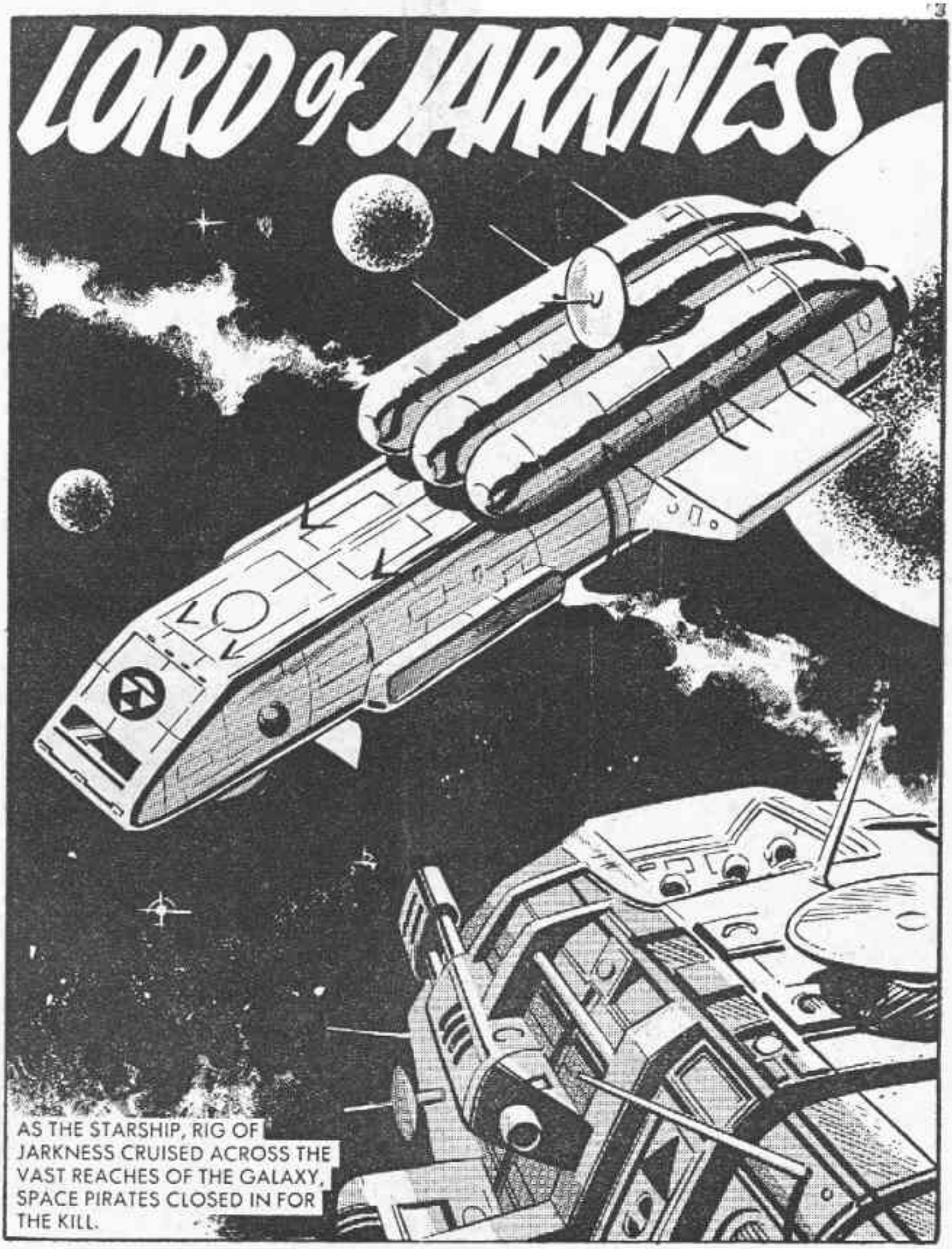
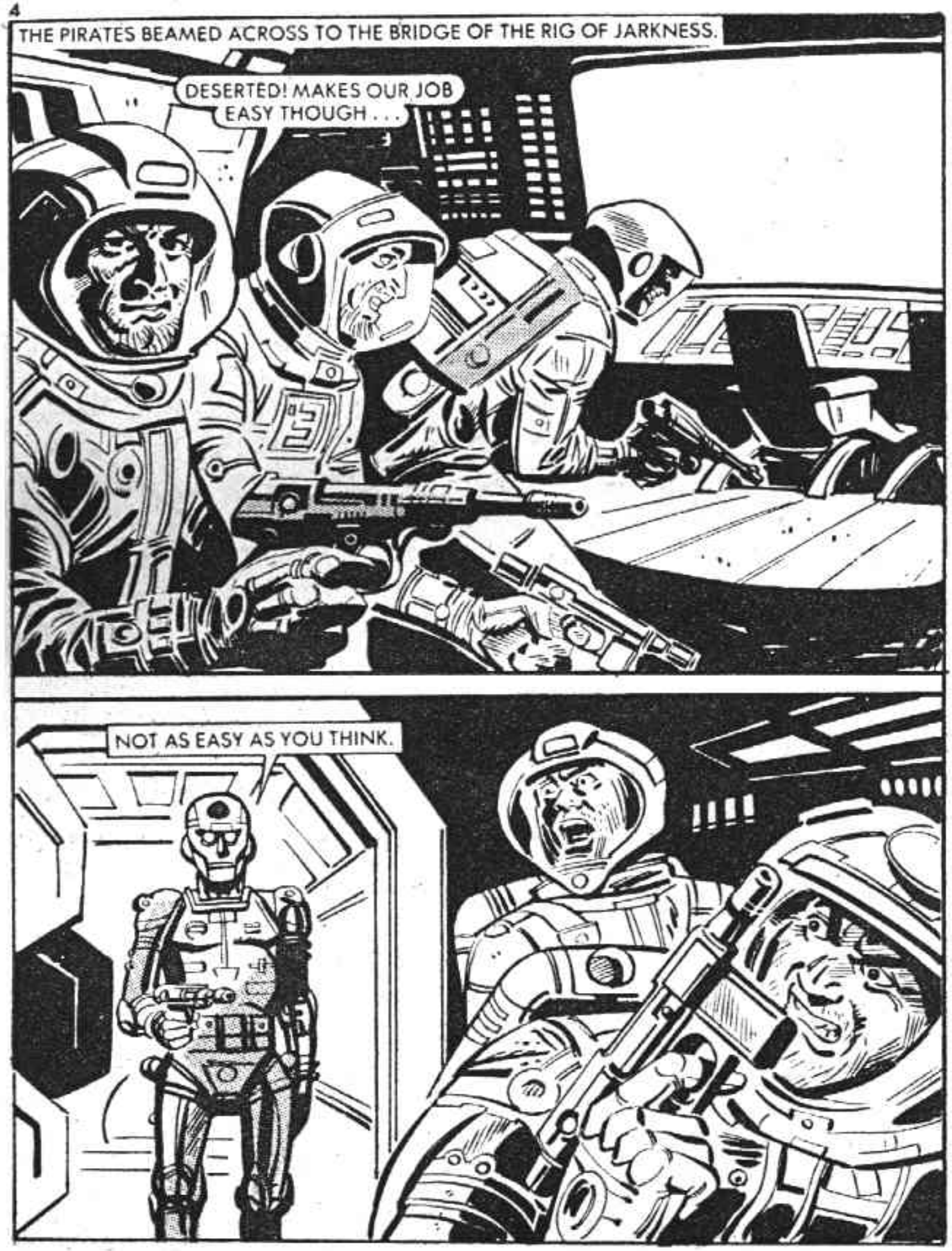
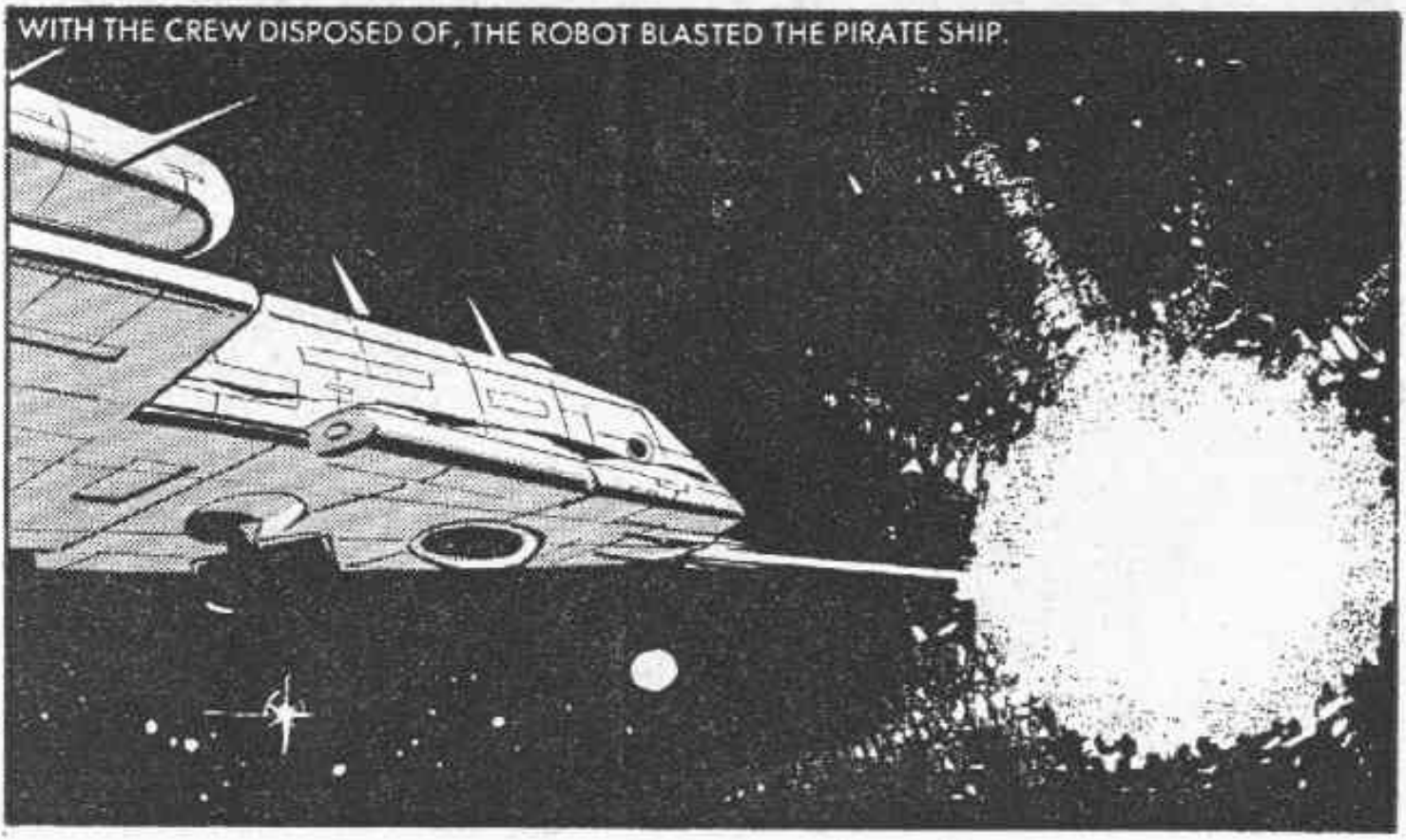
MANKIND'S WANDER-LUST TOOK COLONISTS FAR INTO THE DEPTHS OF EVERY SYSTEM. SOME SYSTEMS WERE SO FAR AWAY IT TOOK A LIFE-TIME TO TRAVEL FROM EARTH. IT WAS IN ONE OF THESE SYSTEMS THAT THREE PLANETS, JARKNESS, INOS AND ANDRASTA HAD THRIVED AND GROWN IN MUTUAL PEACE. BUT THE PEACE COULD BE SHATTERED AND PERMANENTLY-DESTROYED BY INVADING NATIONS.

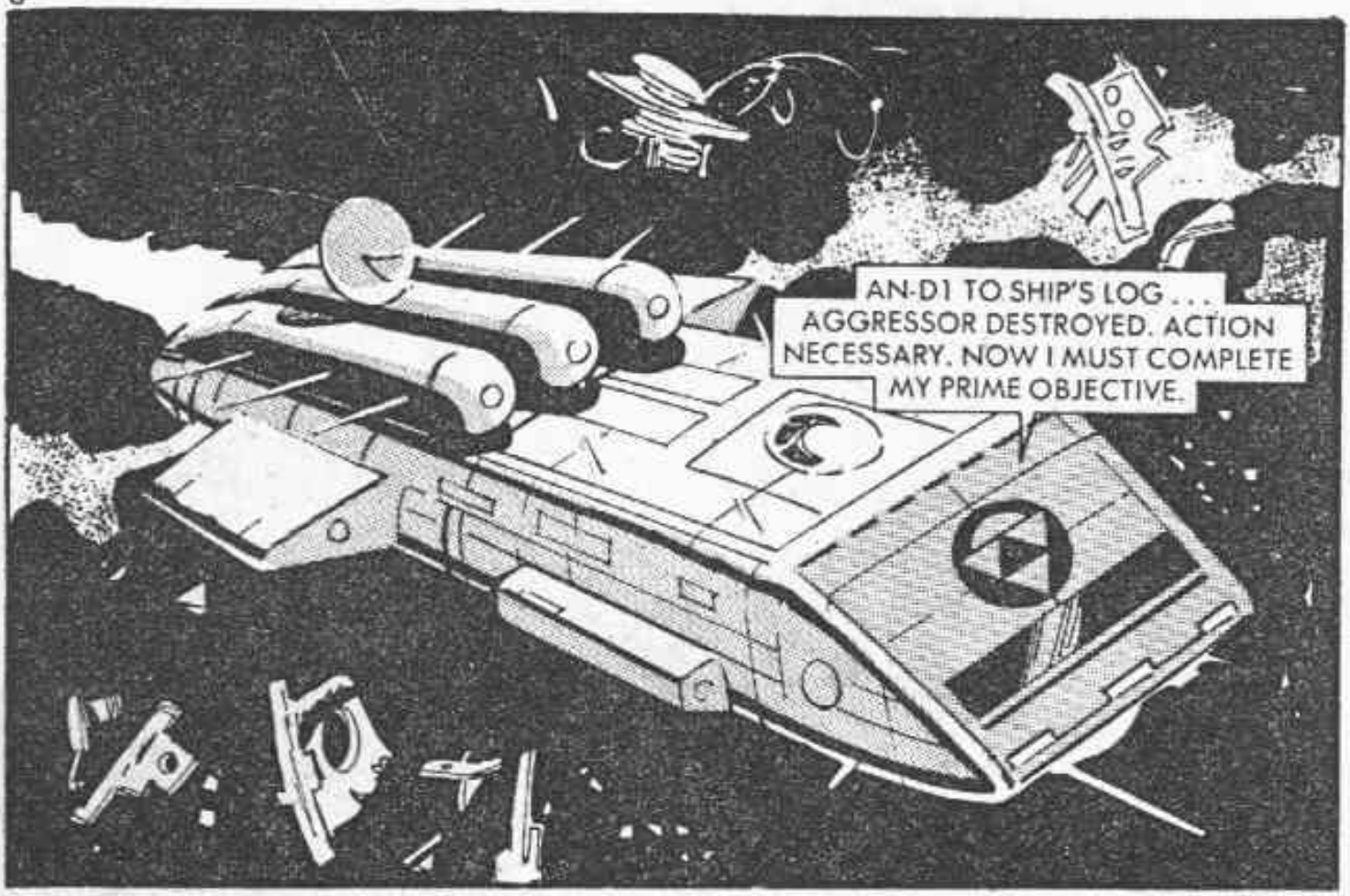
LORD of JARKNESS

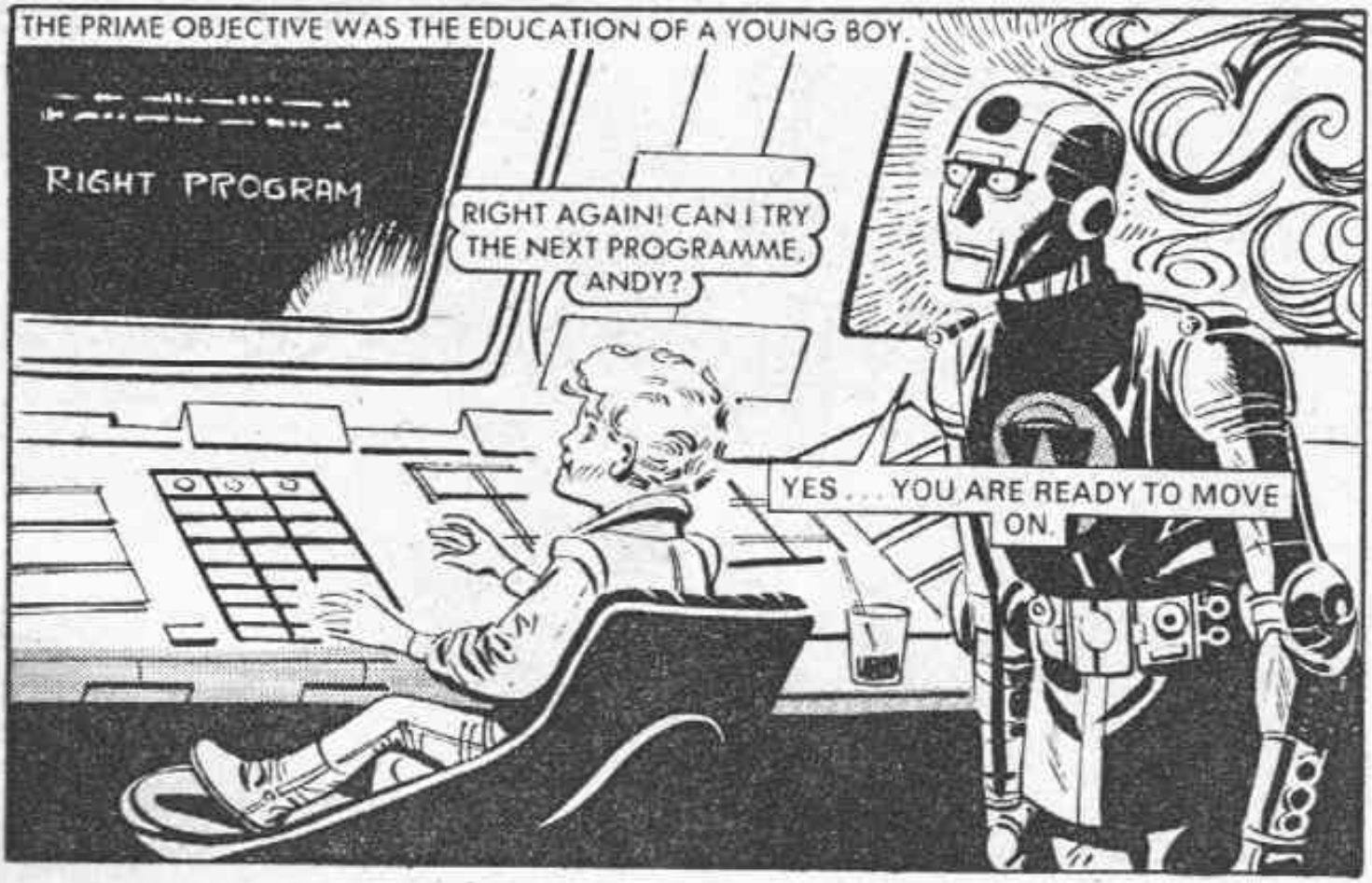



THE PIRATES BEAMED ACROSS TO THE BRIDGE OF THE RIG OF JARKNESS.
DESERTED! MAKES OUR JOB EASY THOUGH . . .
NOT AS EASY AS YOU THINK.

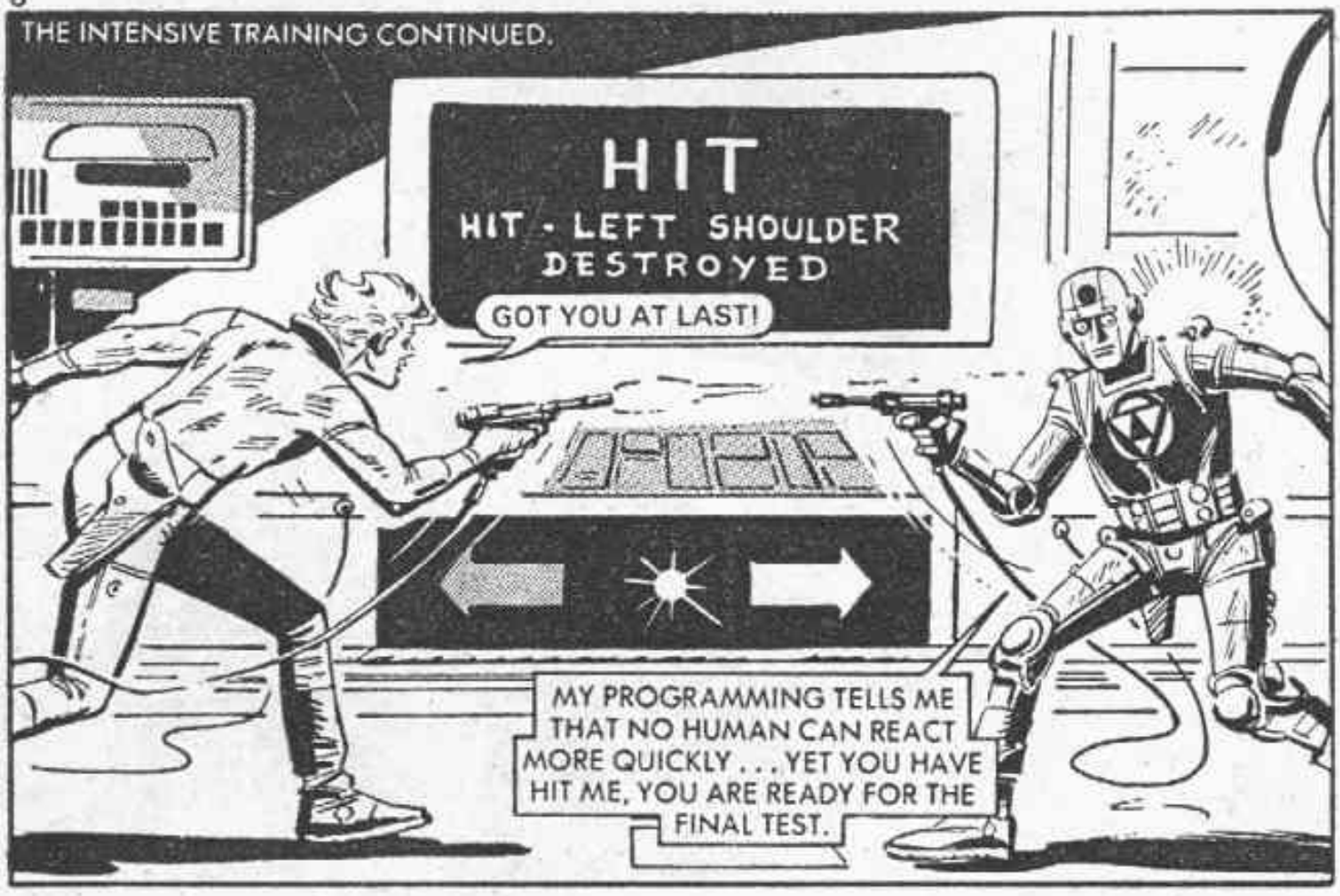
THE ROBOT'S ION BLASTER VAPOURISED THE PIRATES.


WITH THE CREW DISPOSED OF, THE ROBOT BLASTED THE PIRATE SHIP.


AN-D1 TO SHIP'S LOG . . . AGGRESSOR DESTROYED. ACTION NECESSARY. NOW I MUST COMPLETE MY PRIME OBJECTIVE.


THE PRIME OBJECTIVE WAS THE EDUCATION OF A YOUNG BOY.
RIGHT PROGRAM
RIGHT AGAIN! CAN I TRY THE NEXT PROGRAMME, ANDY?
YES . . . YOU ARE READY TO MOVE ON.

AS THE YEARS WENT BY, THE CHILD WAS TAUGHT THE KNOWLEDGE OF AN ENTIRE CIVILISATION, AND TAUGHT TO PERFECTION.
ANDY . . . I'M READY TO PILOT THIS CRAFT.
NEGATIVE! ONLY I CONTROL THE SHIP AT PRESENT!


THE INTENSIVE TRAINING CONTINUED.
HIT
HIT - LEFT SHOULDER DESTROYED
GOT YOU AT LAST!
MY PROGRAMMING TELLS ME THAT NO HUMAN CAN REACT MORE QUICKLY . . . YET YOU HAVE HIT ME, YOU ARE READY FOR THE FINAL TEST.

AND WHAT IS THAT?
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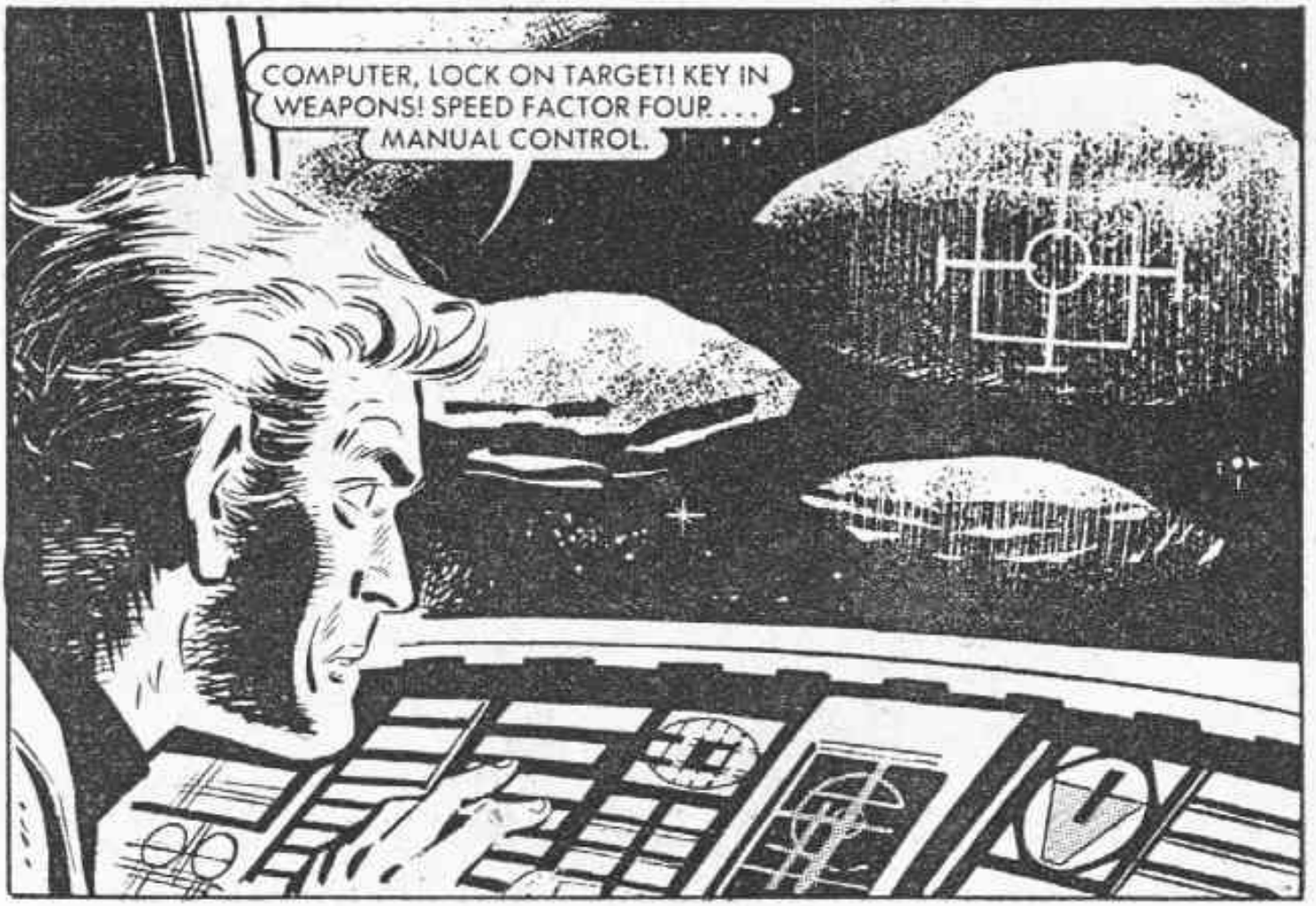
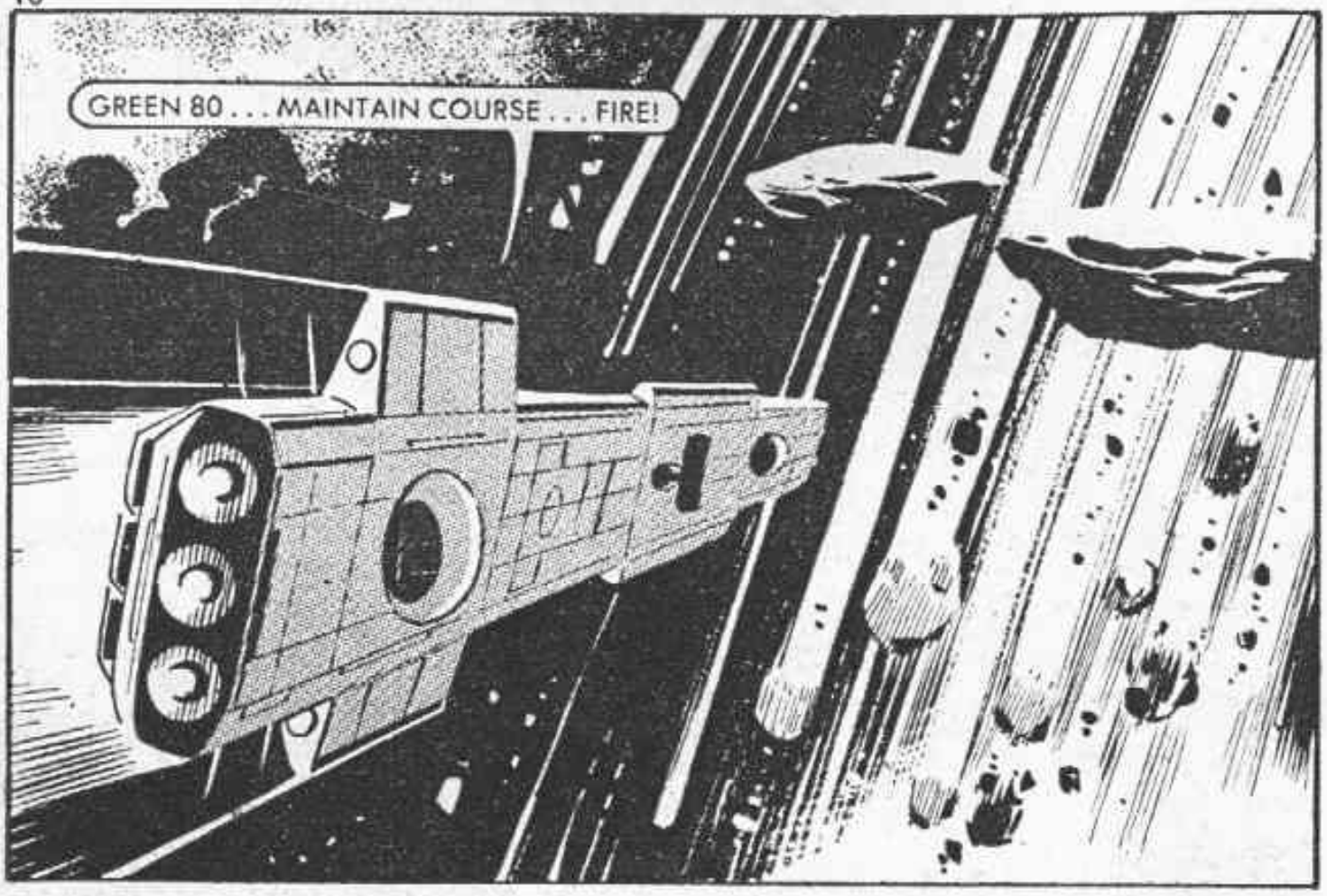
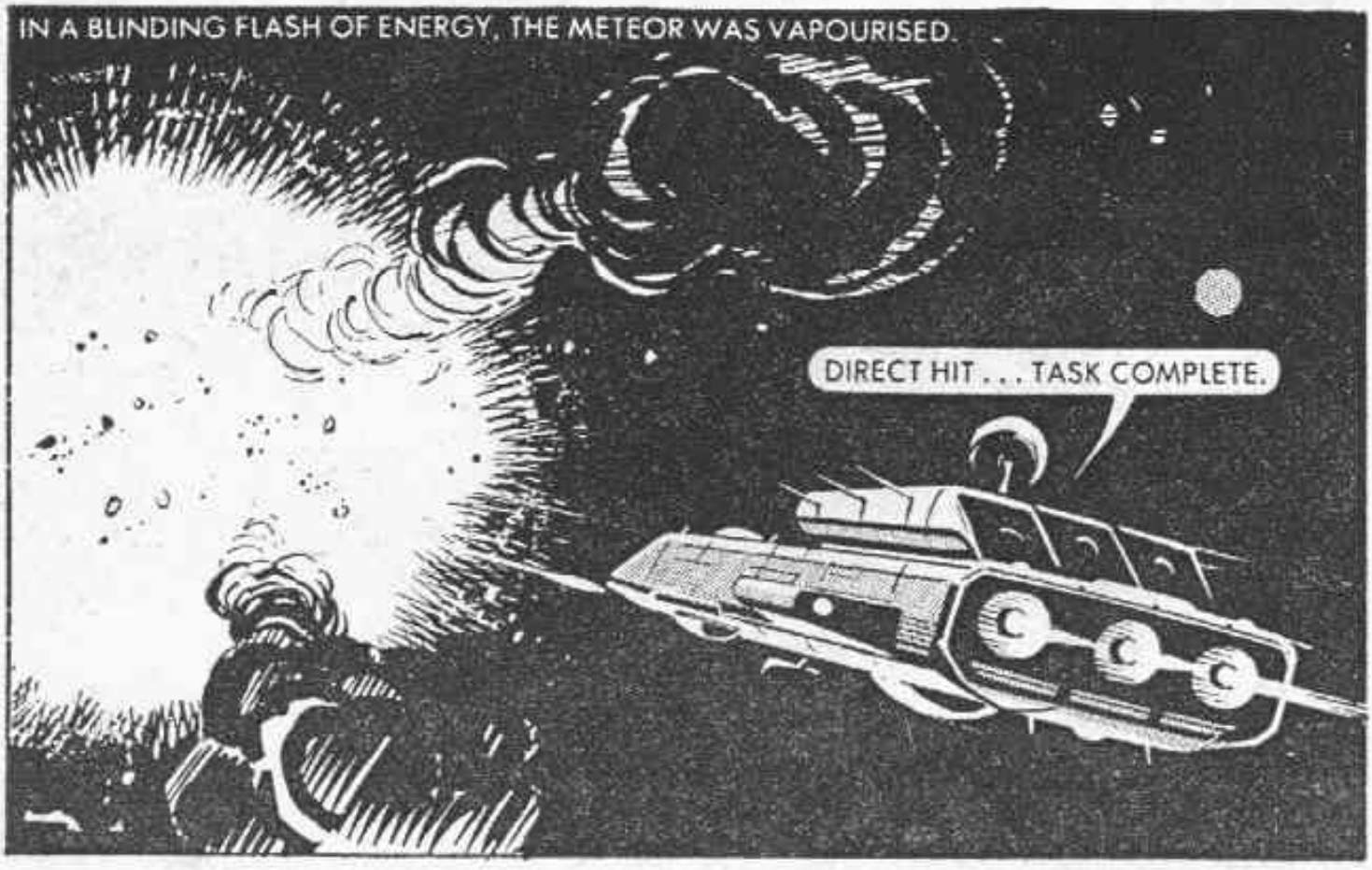
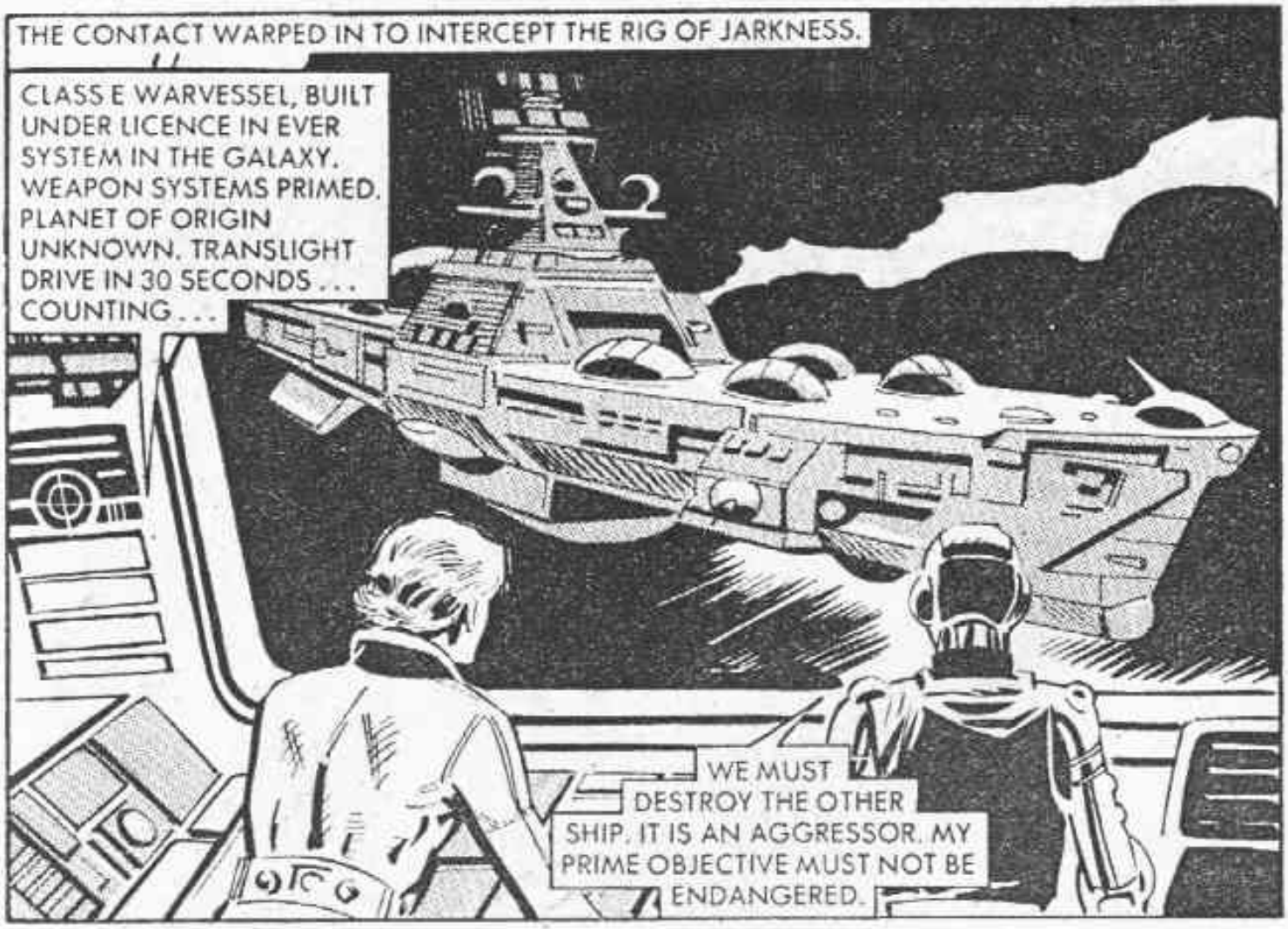
THAT METEOR! ENTER THE STORM AND DESTROY IT. THE COMPUTER WILL RESPOND TO YOU NOW.


COMPUTER, LOCK ON TARGET! KEY IN WEAPONS! SPEED FACTOR FOUR. . . MANUAL CONTROL.


GREEN 80 . . . MAINTAIN COURSE . . . FIRE!


IN A BLINDING FLASH OF ENERGY, THE METEOR WAS VAPOURISED.
DIRECT HIT . . . TASK COMPLETE.

COMPUTER, STAND BY . . . MAINTAIN PRESENT COURSE . . .
CONTACT . . . LONG RANGE SCANNERS SHOW OBJECT ON INTERCEPT COURSE . . . IMPOSSIBLE TO CLASSIFY AT PRESENT. SUGGEST EVASION TACTICS.


THE CONTACT WARPED IN TO INTERCEPT THE RIG OF JARKNESS.
CLASS E WARVESSEL, BUILT UNDER LICENCE IN EVER SYSTEM IN THE GALAXY. WEAPON SYSTEMS PRIMED. PLANET OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN. TRANSLIGHT DRIVE IN 30 SECONDS . . . COUNTING . . .
WE MUST DESTROY THE OTHER SHIP. IT IS AN AGGRESSOR. MY PRIME OBJECTIVE MUST NOT BE ENDANGERED.

BUT THE YOUNG HUMAN HAD OTHER IDEAS . . .
YOU CAN'T DESTROY VESSELS FOR NO REASON! I'LL DO IT MY WAY! COMPUTER, CANCEL TRANS-LIGHT DRIVE, I'M BEAMING ACROSS.
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NO! YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT TO RISK YOURSELF!
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TOO LATE . . .
MILLESECONDS LATER . . .
GUN SET TO STUN!

I COME IN PEACE.

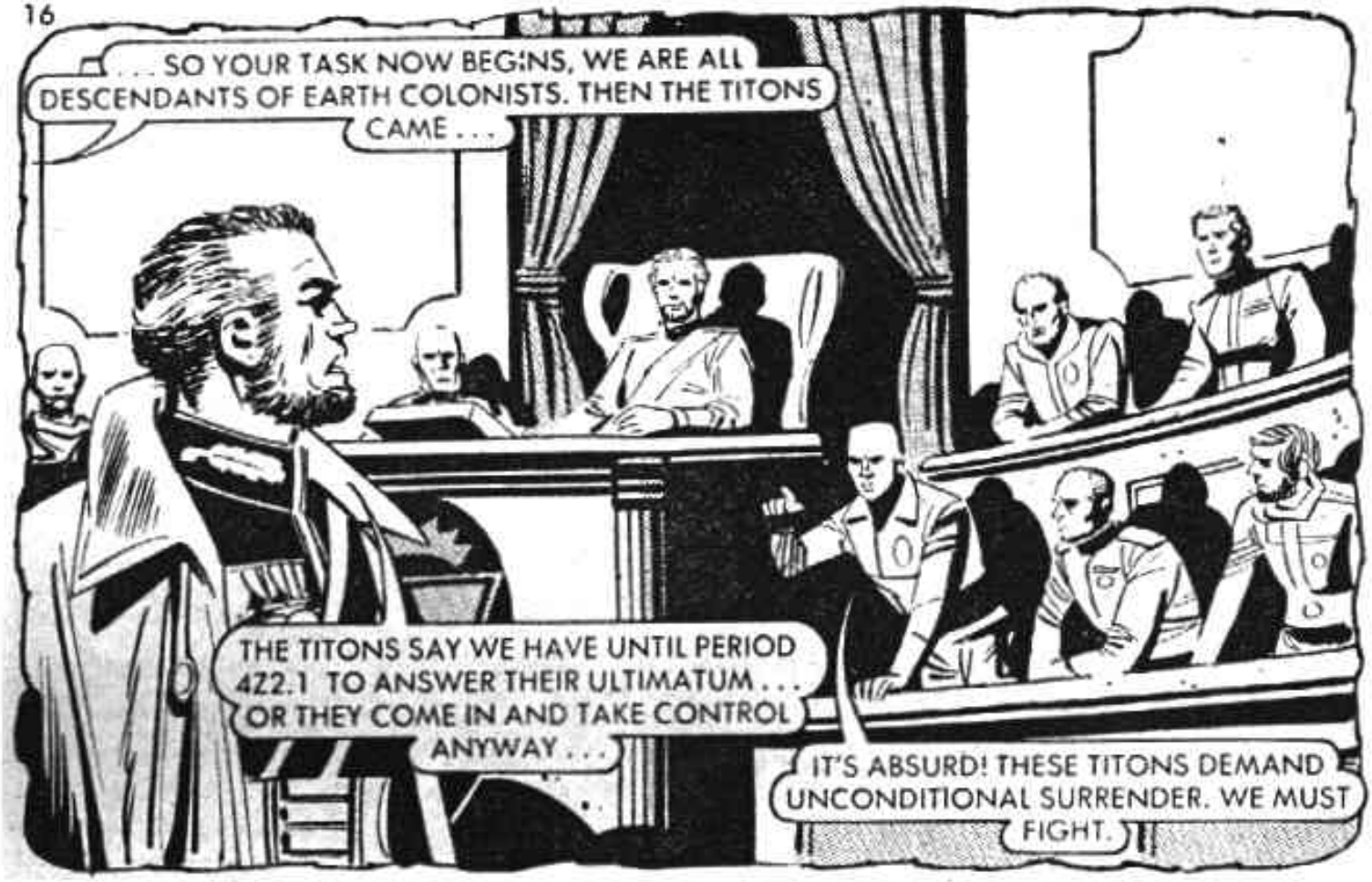
TAKEN BY SURPRISE, THE ALIEN CREW WERE SOON OVERCOME.
THAT MUST BE THE CONTROL ROOM . . .

THE YOUNG MAN BURST IN . . . FIRING.
I, ADMIRAL BORG OF THE PLANET TORR, INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE TRESPASSED IN OUR FAR-SPACE. SURRENDER, OR BE BLOWN TO ATOMS!
ADMIRAL, YOU'LL BE THE ONE IN ATOMS!
WHAT KIND OF BEING ARE YOU TO BOARD A TORRIEAN BATTLE-CRUISER?
KEEP AWAY FROM THAT FIRING SWITCH. YOU INTENDED TO BLAST US TO PIECES WITHOUT EVEN SEEKING OUR EXPLANATION. I HAVE THE POWER TO KILL . . . BUT NOT THE DESIRE. YOU WILL BE A BETTER MAN IF YOU REMEMBER THIS. ANDY . . . BEAM ME BACK.

THE RIG OF JARKNESS CONTINUED ON ITS WAY.
ANDY . . . YOU CAN'T KILL PEOPLE JUST TO PROTECT A MISSION. THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS TO PROTECT IT.
I ACCEPT YOUR WAY WAS BEST. YOU HAVE PASSED AN EVEN HARDER TEST THAN I HAD GIVEN YOU . . . I CAN NOW REVEAL EVERYTHING.

ANDY ACTIVATED A VIDSCREEN.
I, KING MEIKLE OF THE DOOMED PLANET, JARKNESS, GREET YOU! YOU ARE NAMED KAIN . . . AND YOU ARE MY SON—LORD OF JARKNESS.

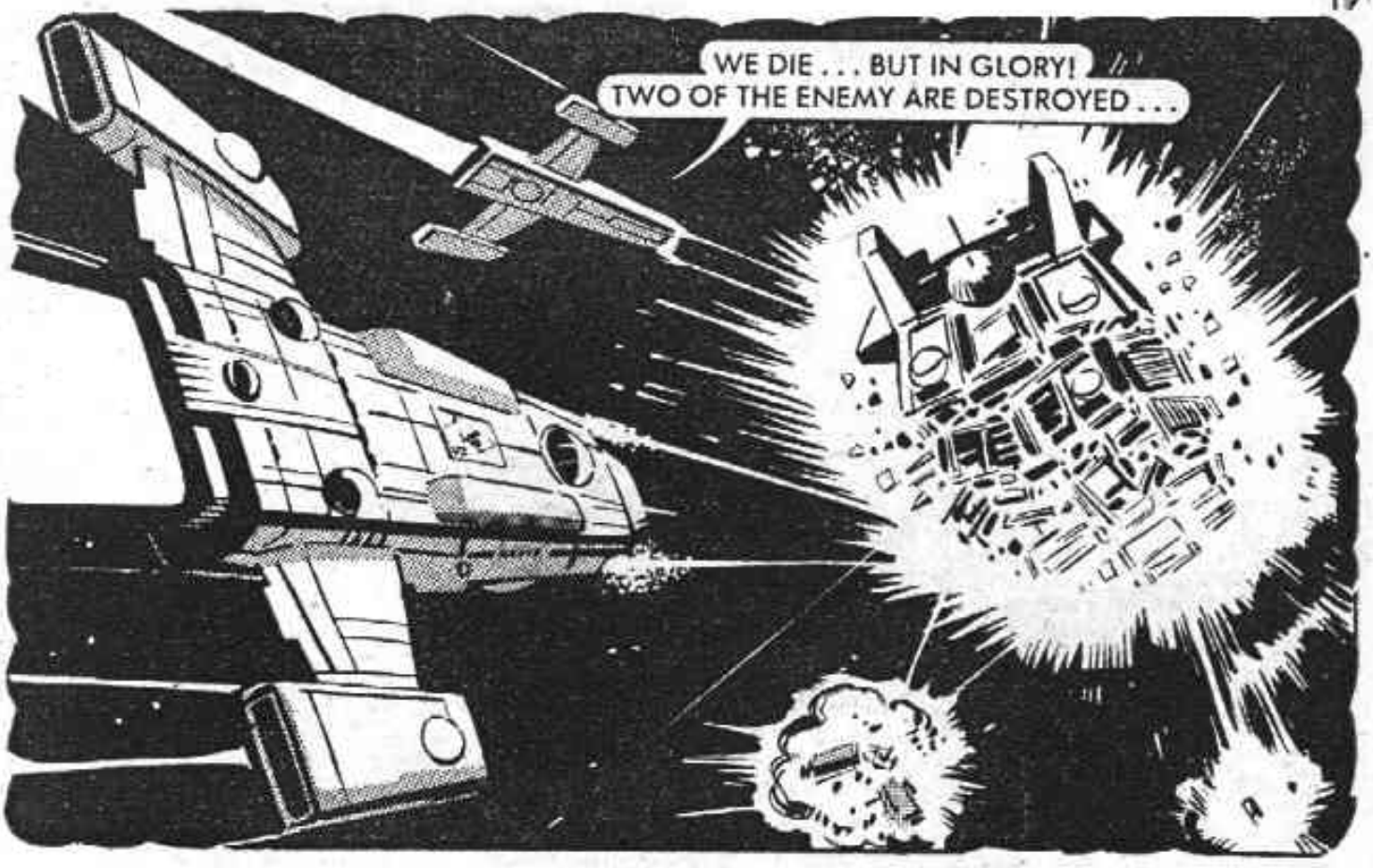
AS YOU ARE WATCHING THIS, YOUR TRAINING HAS BEEN A SUCCESS . . .


. . . SO YOUR TASK NOW BEGINS, WE ARE ALL DESCENDANTS OF EARTH COLONISTS. THEN THE TITONS CAME . . .
THE TITONS SAY WE HAVE UNTIL PERIOD 4Z2.1 TO ANSWER THEIR ULTIMATUM . . . OR THEY COME IN AND TAKE CONTROL ANYWAY . . .
IT'S ABSURD! THESE TITONS DEMAND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. WE MUST FIGHT.

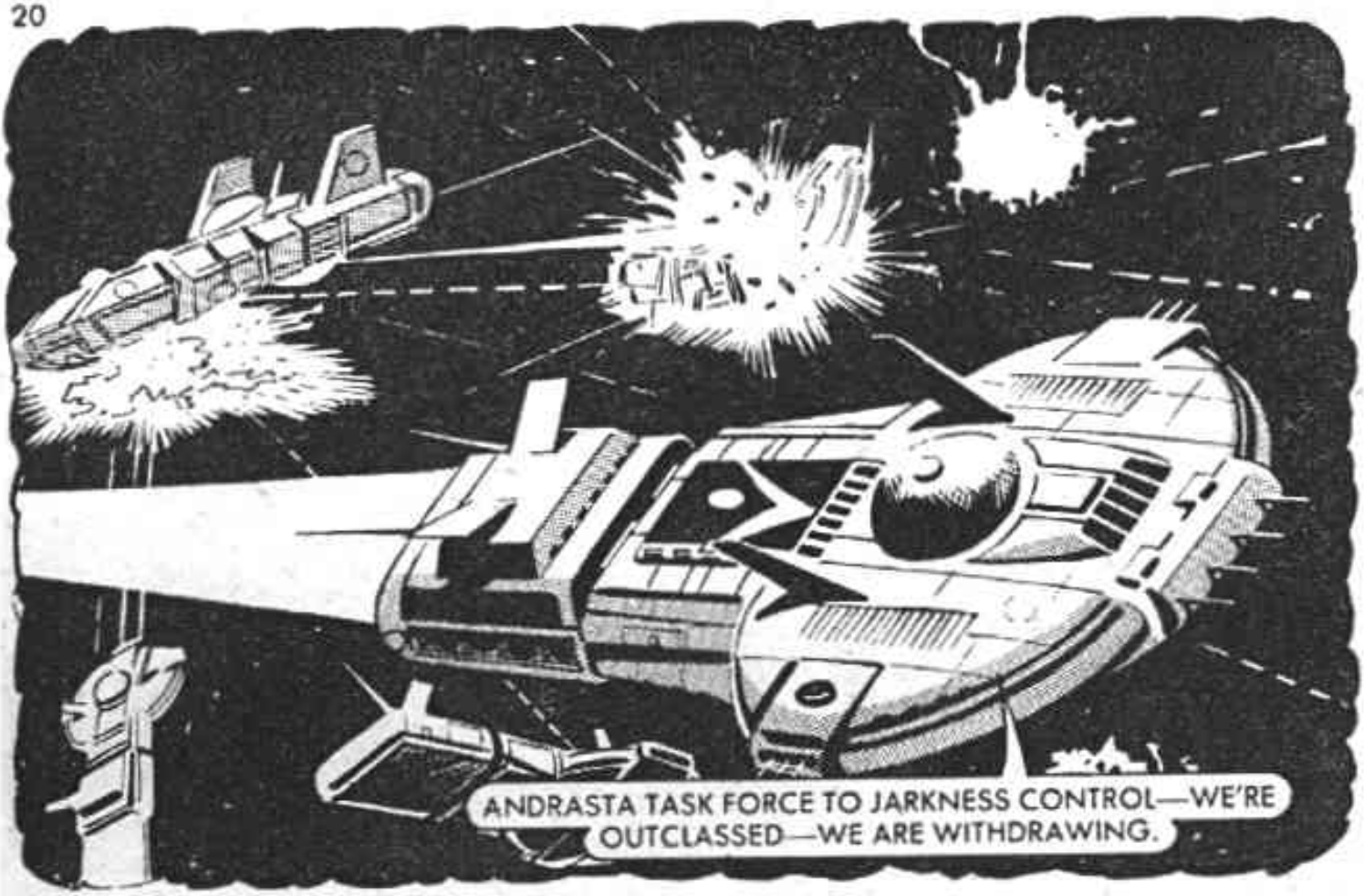
THE TITONS ALSO HAVE A SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY! WE WOULD BE SLAUGHTERED.
WE CAN'T JUST HAND OVER JARKNESS TO AN ALIEN POWER! WE WILL ATTACK, AND AT THE SAME TIME ASK FOR HELP FROM INOS AND FROM THE ANDRASTA FEDERATION . . . SEE THAT IT IS PUT IN HAND!

WE HAD NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITON, BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, THEY ATTACKED . . .
RANGE: 3 SPACIALS . . . OPEN FIRE AT .75—NEGATIVE DEFLECTION . . .

WHAT KIND OF ARMOUR HAVE THOSE THINGS GOT? SWITCH TO PHOTON DRIVE. WE'LL NEED ALL THE SPEED WE CAN GET.
NO DAMAGE . . . COUNTER ATTACK.
IT SOON BEAME CLEAR THAT OUR STRATEGISTS HAD BEEN CORRECT — OUR FORCES WERE NOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS THE TITONS .


WE DIE . . . BUT IN GLORY! TWO OF THE ENEMY ARE DESTROYED . . .

LATE THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN OUR SPACE FORCE WAS ALL BUT FINISHED. ANDRASTA SENT A FLEET TO HELP . . .


ANDRASTA TASK FORCE TO JARKNESS CONTROL—WE'RE OUTCLASSED—WE ARE WITHDRAWING.

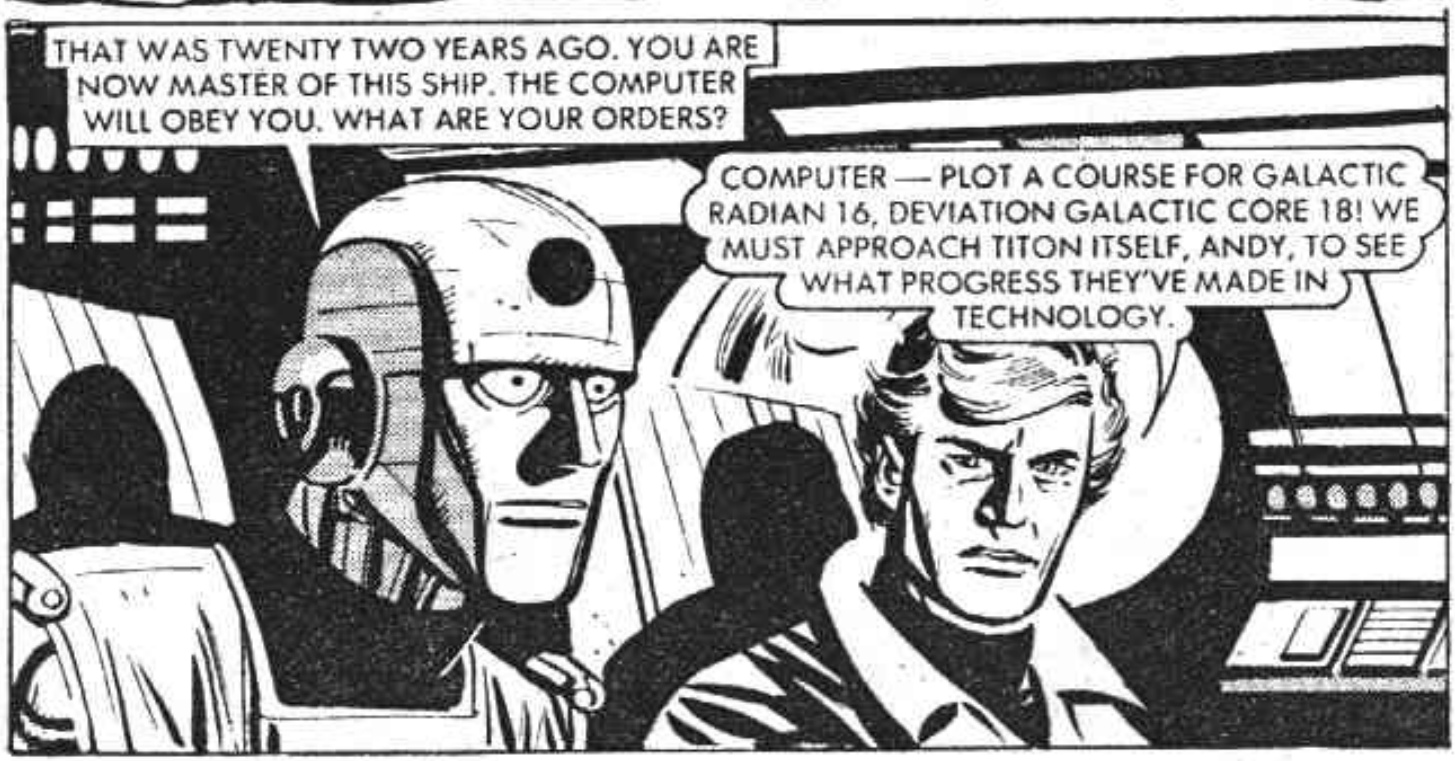
THE JARKNESS SPACEFORCE IS NEUTRALISED. THE INVASION OF THEIR PLANET CAN BEGIN!

THE TITONS SWEPT ASIDE THE JARKNESS DEFENCES . . .

. . . AND MURDERED CIVILIANS.
NO! NO! . . .

THE KING FLED WITH HIS WIFE AND SON.
WE MUST SAVE OUR CHILD. COME — THIS WAY!

PREPARE THE RIG OF JARKNESS. MY SON MUST LIVE TO FIGHT AGAIN.
DESPITE DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE RIG . . . AN-D1 AND THE YOUNG BOY ESCAPED.


THAT WAS TWENTY TWO YEARS AGO. YOU ARE NOW MASTER OF THIS SHIP. THE COMPUTER WILL OBEY YOU. WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
COMPUTER — PLOT A COURSE FOR GALACTIC RADIAN 16, DEVIATION GALACTIC CORE 18! WE MUST APPROACH TITON ITSELF, ANDY, TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS THEY'VE MADE IN TECHNOLOGY.

IT IS 3.2 PERIODS BEFORE WE REACH THE OUTER APPROACHES TO TITON.
WE'LL USE THAT TIME REVIEWING WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE TITONS FROM THE DATA WE'VE GOT.
CLOSE UP OF THE HEAD. WHY THE HUGE EYES? AND LOOK AT THE HELMET — A CONCEALED POLARISING VISOR! THEY MUST BE SENSITIVE TO LIGHT AND HEAT. SO A LASER MICROWAVE CANNON WOULD KILL THEM . . .
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KAIN IMMEDIATELY BEGAN WORKING ON A WEAPON TO BEAT THE TITON.
. . . NOW INSERT A LIMITER FOR THE TOP POWERBAND . . . COUPLE TO A MASS ANALYSER . . . AND WE SHOULD HAVE AN ANTI-TITON DEVICE!

ATTENTION — WE ARE NOW JUST 1.2 PARSES FROM SPECIFIED PLANET. SENSORS INDICATE MANNED SATELLITE, PROBABLY EARLY WARNING DEFENCE.
IT WOULD APPEAR THE COMPUTER IS CORRECT. THAT IS AN EARLY WARNING STATION.
A FITTING PLACE TO BEGIN THE GRAND FIGHTBACK AGAINST THE TITONS. FIRST, I'LL FIT YOU WITH A MICROPHASER.

WE'LL TAKE THAT SATELLITE — YOU BEAM ACROSS TO THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE — AND MAKE SURE YOU SEIZE CONTROL BEFORE ANY WARNINGS ARE SENT! THE MOMENT YOU'VE DONE THAT, I'LL FOLLOW.

ANDY WAS BEAMED ACROSS.
CRAFT IN RED 020 . . . UNIDENTIFIED.
WHAT . . . ?

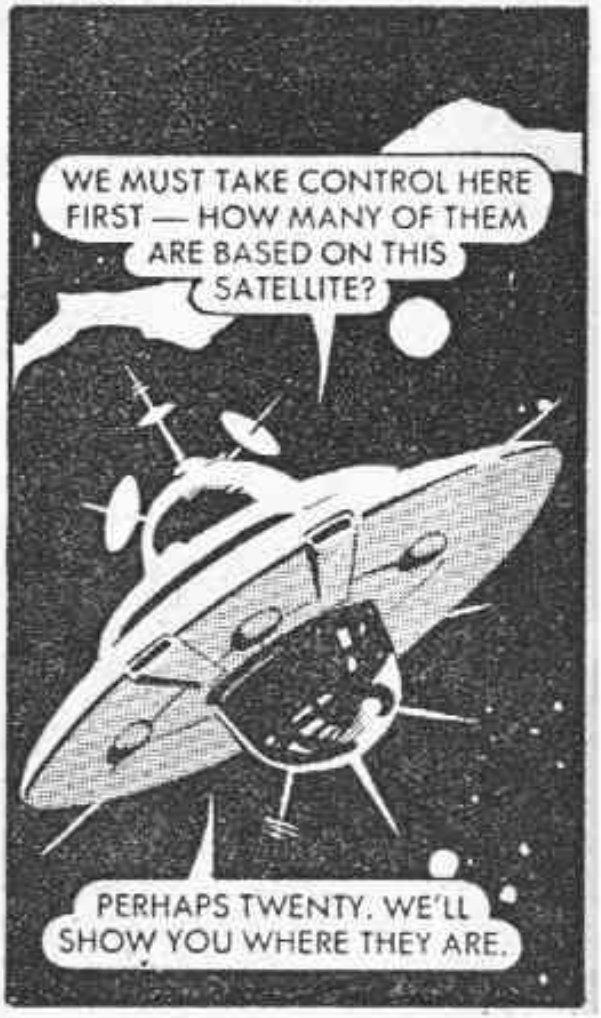
DIE TITON.

IT'S CLEAR NOW, KAIN. ONE TITON TRIED TO STOP ME WITH HIS BARE HANDS . . . WE SHALL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
KAIN BEAMED OVER TO JOIN ANDY.
COME . . . MY SENSORS INDICATE LIFEFORMS.
IN THERE, KAIN.

MOVE IN FAST AND HIT THEM BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT'S WHAT! I'LL GO FIRST . . .
NOW! . . . WHAT???

THEY'RE NOT TITONS, THAT'S FOR CERTAIN! WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
WE CAME FROM JARKNESS.

I AM KAIN, LORD OF JARKNESS.
LORD KAIN! IT WAS SAID THAT YOU WOULD RETURN TO LIBERATE OUR PLANET.
MY LORD, IF WE STAY HERE WE WILL BE DISCOVERED.


WE MUST TAKE CONTROL HERE FIRST — HOW MANY OF THEM ARE BASED ON THIS SATELLITE?
PERHAPS TWENTY. WE'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THEY ARE.

THAT'S THE CONTROL ROOM. THERE WILL BE SOME IN THERE.

GOT THEM.

DROP THOSE WEAPONS OR THE HEADS COME OFF THESE SCUM.

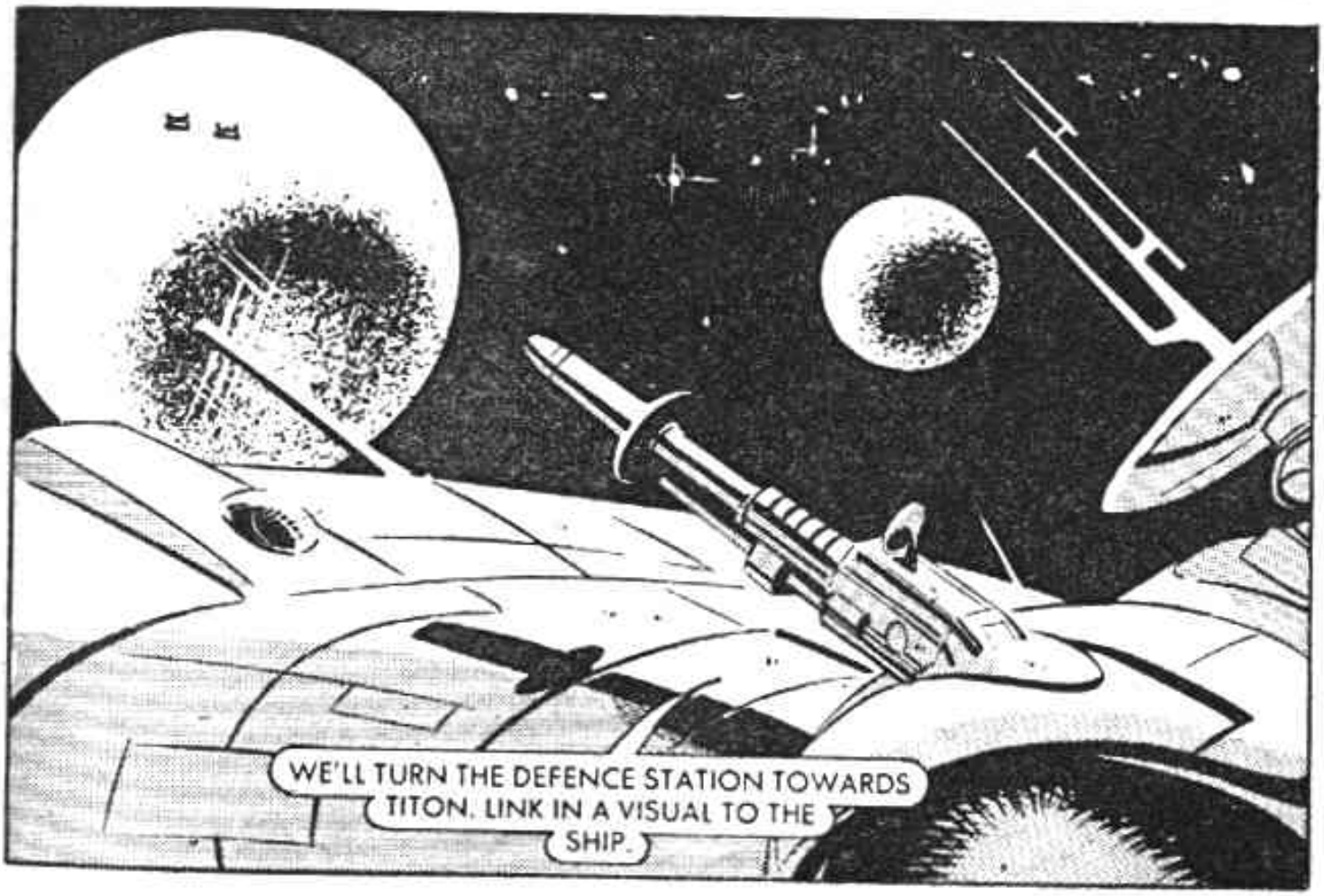
KILL THEM ANDY.

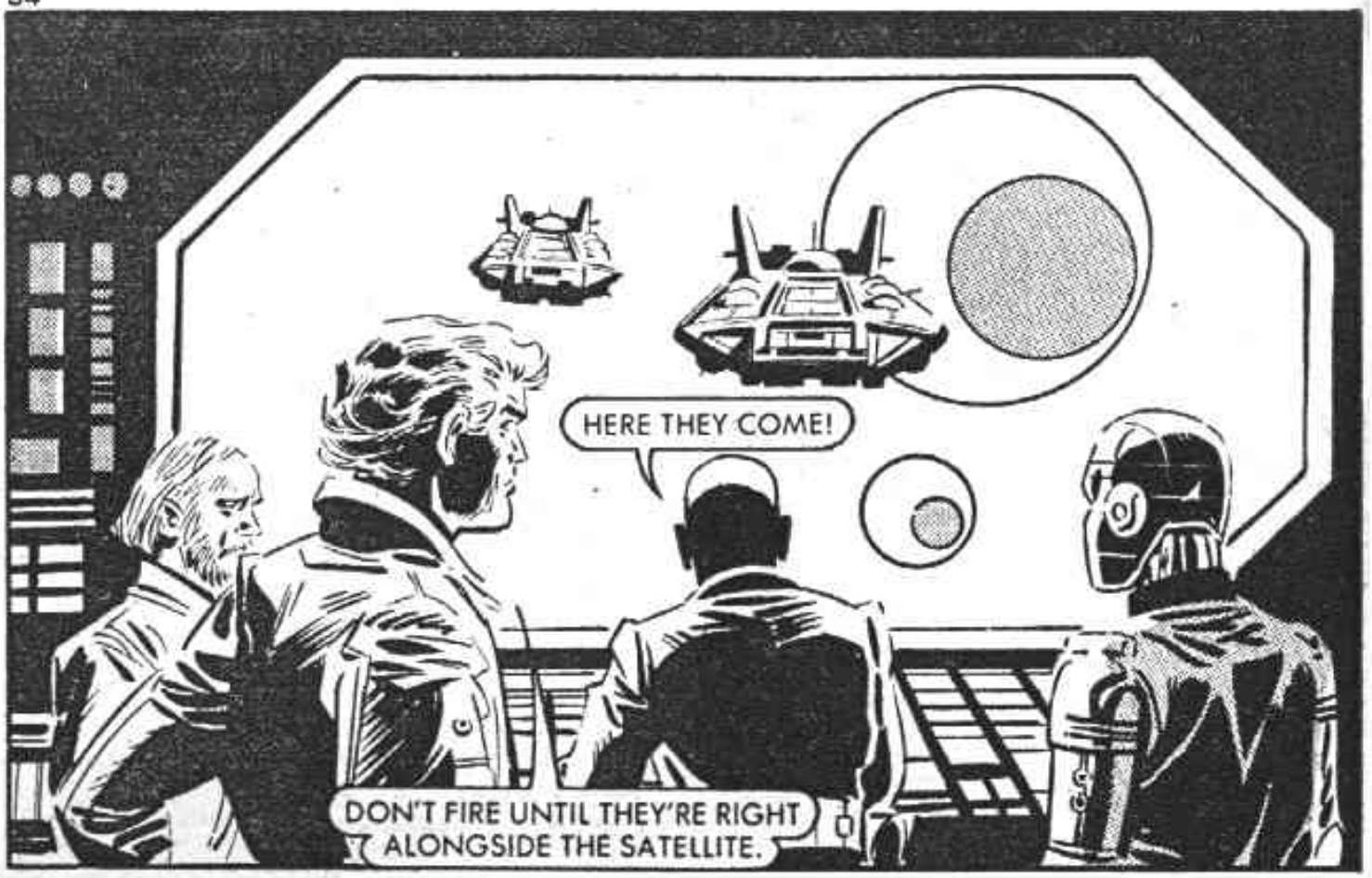
YOU'RE NOT HARMED. MICROWAVES OF THIS FREQUENCY ARE HARMLESS TO HUMANS . . . BUT DEADLY TO TITONS.

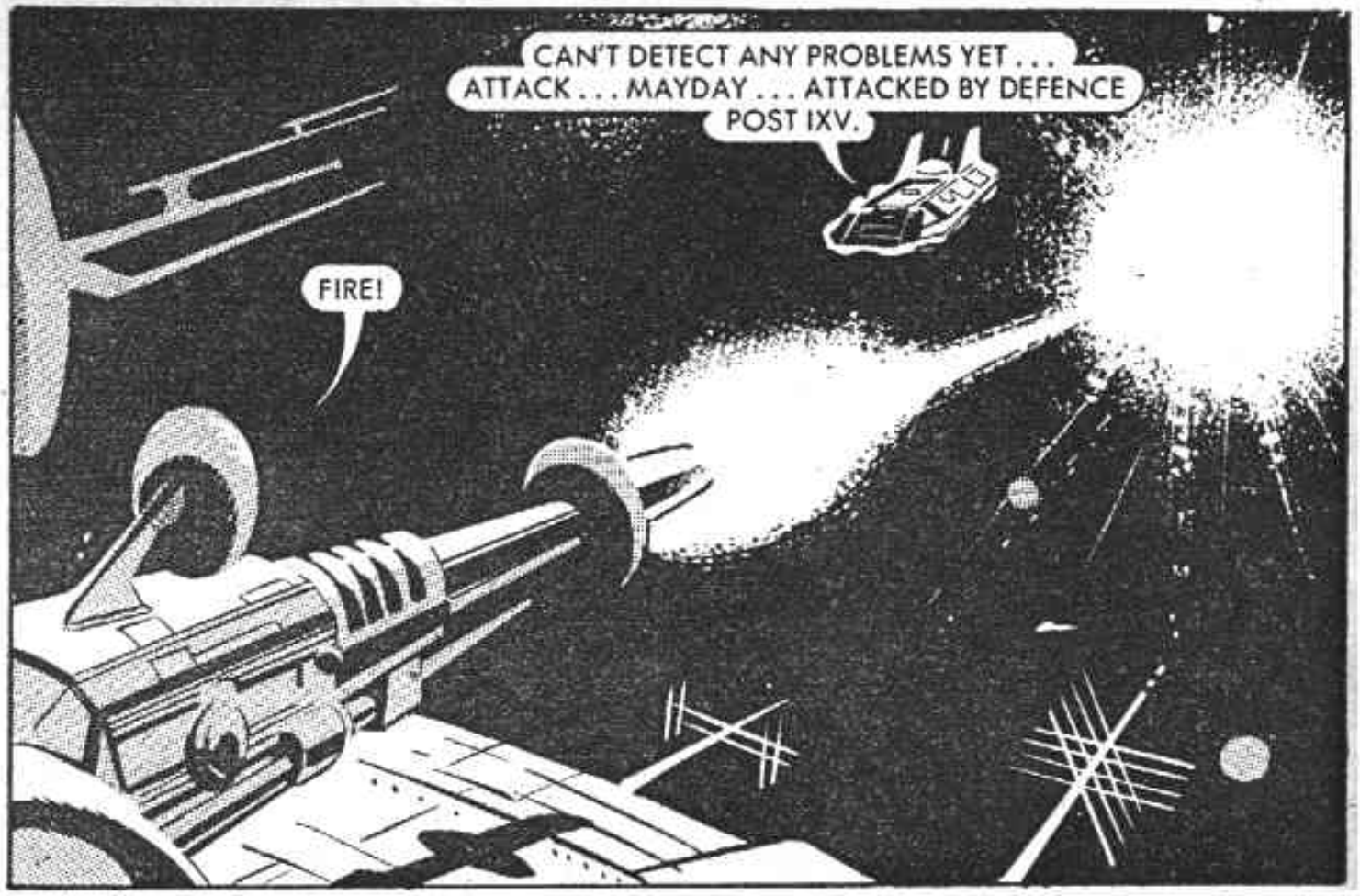
ONCE CONTROL WAS GAINED—
NOW FOUR OF US AND TWO GUNS AREN'T GOING TO TOPPLE THE TITON EMPIRE. WE MUST PERSUADE THE ANDRASTA FEDERATION AND INOS THAT ULTIMATELY THEY MUST HELP US — OR FACE THE SAME TREATMENT FROM THE TITONS.
ANDRASTA? MY LORD, YOU HAVE INDEED BEEN AWAY A LONG TIME. TITON ENSLAVED THEIR FEDERATION TEN YEARS AGO. AND NOW THE CYCLE IS NEARLY COMPLETE AGAIN. INOS WILL BE INVADED IN NOT MUCH MORE THAN A YEAR — THEY'RE RE-EQUIPPING A NEW INVASION FLEET NOW!

THIS STATION MUST BE LINKED DIRECTLY TO THE KEY PLANET COMPUTER, SO WE CAN TRY TO DRAIN OFF THE INFORMATION WE NEED INTO THE RIG'S COMPUTER.
READY, KAIN. THE LINK IS THROUGH TO THE RIG . . .
FINE — BE READY TO CUT IF I SAY, IN CASE WE OVERLOAD . . . RIGHT — GO!

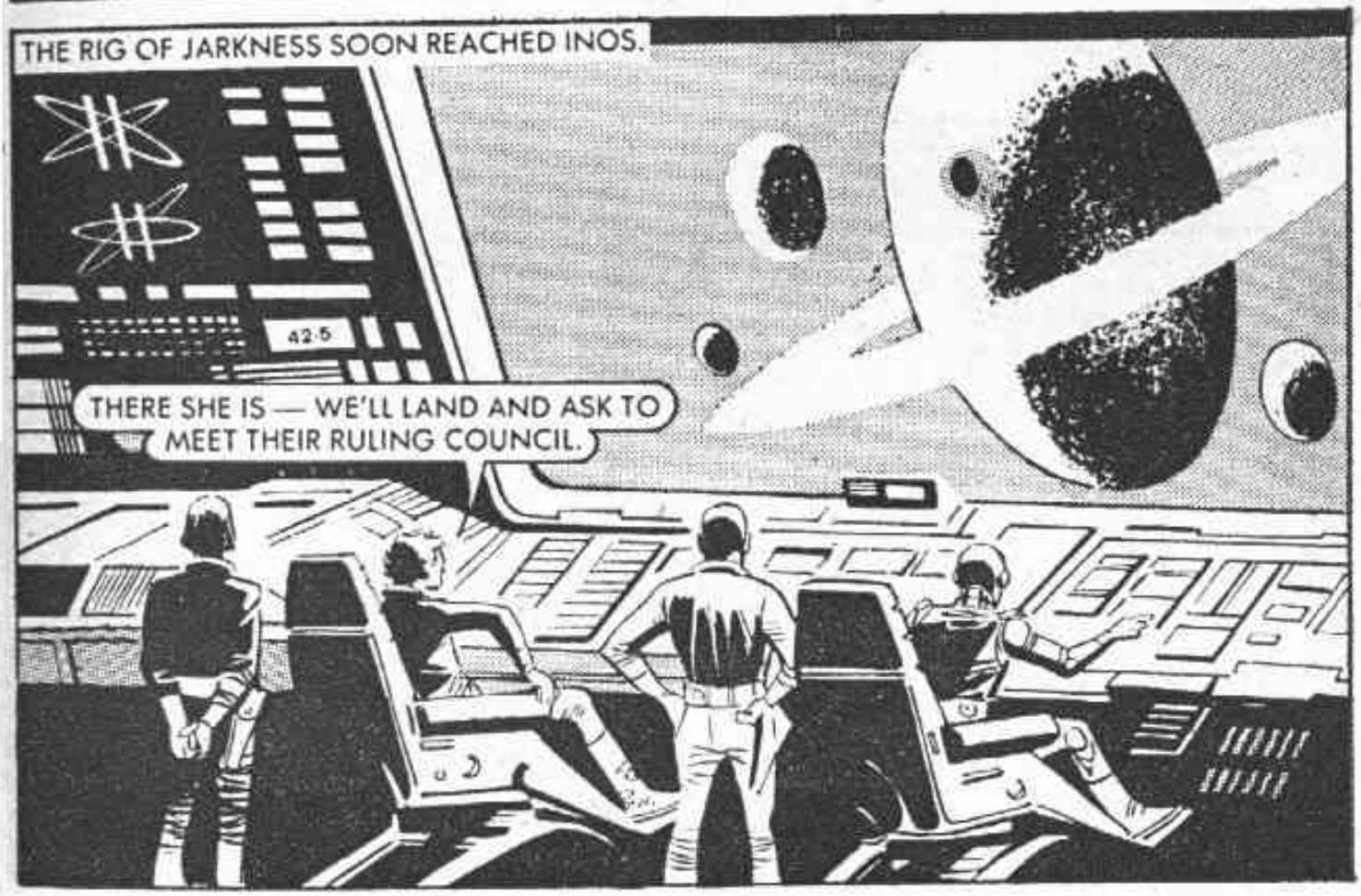
MILLIONS OF CIRCUITS OF INFORMATION POURED INTO THE RIG.
TWENTY FIVE SECONDS — WE SHOULD HAVE DRAINED EVERYTHING . . . ALARM! WE HAVE TRIGGERED A FORM OF ALARM DEVICE BACK ON TITON — I SUGGEST WE LEAVE WITH ALL DUE HASTE!
HOLD ON A MINUTE, BEAM BACK DOWN — I RECKON IT'LL BE A LITTLE WHILE YET BEFORE THEY CAN SEND SHIPS UP TO INVESTIGATE.


WE'LL TURN THE DEFENCE STATION TOWARDS TITON. LINK IN A VISUAL TO THE SHIP.


HERE THEY COME!
DON'T FIRE UNTIL THEY'RE RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE SATELLITE.


CAN'T DETECT ANY PROBLEMS YET . . . ATTACK . . . MAYDAY . . . ATTACKED BY DEFENCE POST IXV.
FIRE!

SET CO-ORDINATES FOR INOS, COMPUTER . . .


THE RIG OF JARKNESS SOON REACHED INOS.
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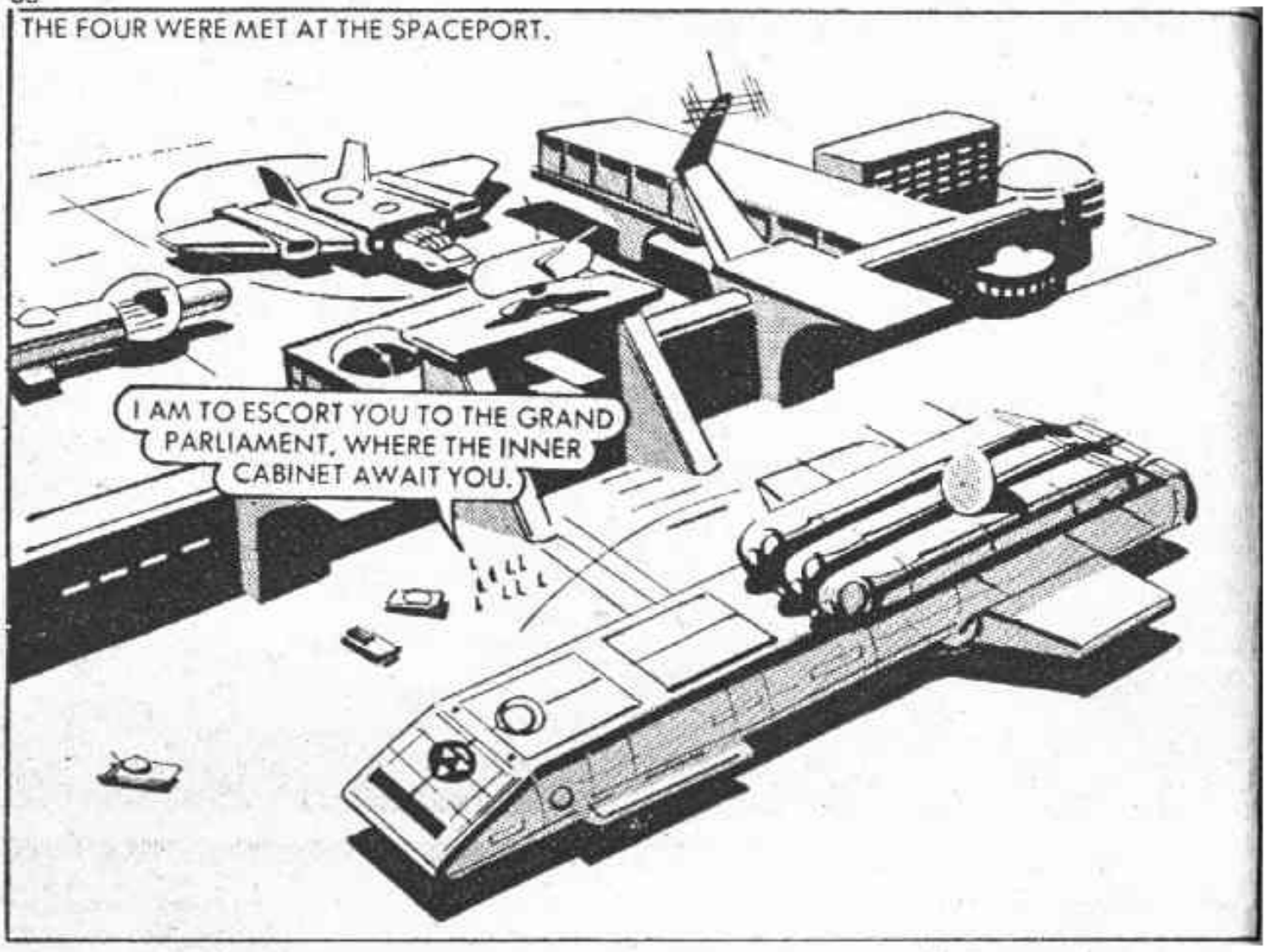
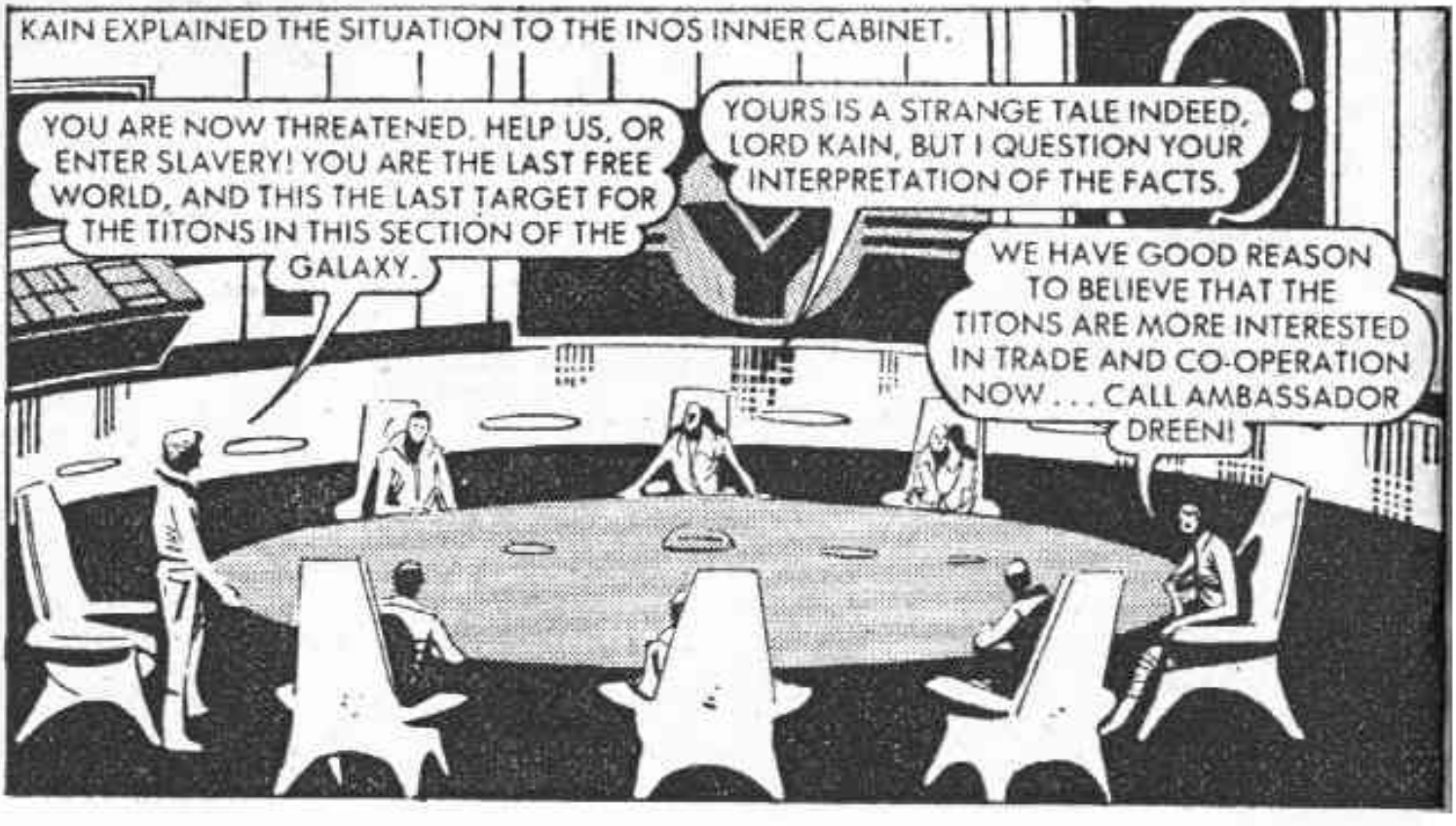
THERE SHE IS — WE'LL LAND AND ASK TO MEET THEIR RULING COUNCIL.


THE FOUR WERE MET AT THE SPACEPORT.
I AM TO ESCORT YOU TO THE GRAND PARLIAMENT, WHERE THE INNER CABINET AWAIT YOU.


KAIN EXPLAINED THE SITUATION TO THE INOS INNER CABINET.
YOU ARE NOW THREATENED. HELP US, OR ENTER SLAVERY! YOU ARE THE LAST FREE WORLD, AND THIS THE LAST TARGET FOR THE TITONS IN THIS SECTION OF THE GALAXY.
YOURS IS A STRANGE TALE INDEED, LORD KAIN, BUT I QUESTION YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE FACTS.
WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE TITONS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN TRADE AND CO-OPERATION NOW . . . CALL AMBASSADOR DREEN!

A TITON! WE OF JARKNESS, ANDRASTA AND INOS ARE ALL BROTHERS OF TERRA . . . YET YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THE WORD OF A MURDERING TITON.
THAT'S ENOUGH, LORD KAIN! HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.
THE TITON EMPIRE WANTS TO BUILD A PROSPEROUS PARTNERSHIP BASED ON TRADE AND CO-OPERATION. DISMISS THE WORDS OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO PREVENT OUR LINKS. THEY ARE ENVIOUS OF OUR SUCCESS.

LORD KAIN — WE PROCEED WITH FULL DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE LINKS WITH TITON. YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS WILL BE PLACED UNDER CLOSE ARREST UNTIL WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.

KAIN, LOCKED IN A CELL, ACTIVATED HIS MICROTRANSMITTER.
ANDY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES . . .
OKAY . . . PUT A LOCATER BEAM ON THIS, AND COME AND GET ME.

ANDY SMASHED HIS WAY THROUGH THE PLASTISTEEL.
WELL DONE, ANDY.

I HAVE ASSESSED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION. TITON COULD HAVE TAKEN INOS YEARS AGO, SO THEY MUST BE VERY WEAK. THEY CAN'T AFFORD EVEN A SMALL WAR UNTIL THEY HAVE REFITTED A WAR FLEET.
IN OTHER WORDS — INOS, WITH OUR HELP COULD DEFEAT TITON — FIRST, LET US ALL TAKE OUR LEAVE.

ANDY SMASHED THE DOOR.

I'M SORRY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO STAND AND TALK.

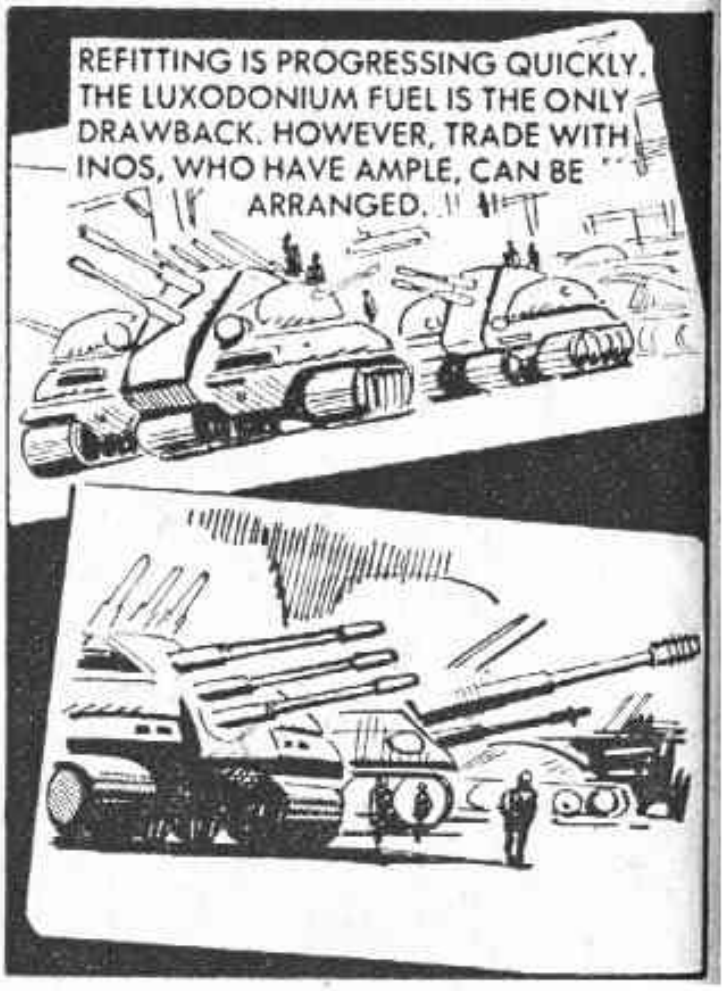
PRISONERS!

OUT OF THE WAY!

KAIN AND ANDY BURST INTO THE CABINET CHAMBER.
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.
LORD KAIN! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS OUTRAGE?
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS! I'M GOING TO CONVINCE YOU I'M RIGHT. IF I DON'T, I PROMISE YOU WE'LL LEAVE WITHOUT GIVING YOU PROBLEMS!
SHIP'S COMPUTER . . . LOCATE AND BRING ME, AND ONLY ME, ABOARD — NOW!

THE SHIP'S COMPUTER WAS LINKED INTO A VIDEO SCREEN BY ANDY.
IT IS CLEAR THAT I FAILED TO CONVICNE YOU WITH WORDS. REMEMBER, THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN DIRECT FROM THE TITON CONTROL COMPUTER, AND IF YOU WISH TO ' ASK ' IT QUESTIONS, THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.

MILITARY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION RESTRICTED TO SENIOR WARLORDS AND TITON CONTROL COUNCIL...
ASTONISHING! YOU GAINED ACCESS TO THIS?


REFITTING IS PROGRESSING QUICKLY. THE LUXODONIUM FUEL IS THE ONLY DRAWBACK. HOWEVER, TRADE WITH INOS, WHO HAVE AMPLE, CAN BE ARRANGED.

THE SLAVE POPUALTION HAS FALLEN BELOW ACCEPTABLE LEVELS. THIS MUST BE REMEDIED BY EONLAPSE Z21 . . .

THIS IS THE INOS SYSTEM. WHEN TRADE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE SUPPLY OF LUXODONIUM IS SUFFICIENT, WE WILL TAKE OVER THE PLANET; THEIR RULING COUNCIL WILL BE EXECUTED AND THE REMAINDER WILL WORK THE LUXODONIUM DISTILLING PLANTS.

. . . WOULD THE JARKNESS COMPUTER BE ABLE TO SHOW HOW THE SLAVES ARE BEING TREATED?
AFFIRMATIVE . . .

SLAVES HAVE TO BE EXECUTED REGULARLY TO SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE OTHERS.
ENOUGH! THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!

WHAT CAN WE DO? JARKNESS AND ANDRASTA HAVE BOTH FALLEN, AND WE ARE WEAKER THAN THEY WERE.
THERE IS A WAY.

HOW?
WE WILL BUILD ONE HUGE AND COLOSSALLY POWERFUL SUPERSHIP WITH PLANET-CRACKING POTENTIAL! I WILL PROVIDE THE PLANS — BUT WE MUST START NOW.
IT IS CLEAR WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE. THE ENTIRE RESOURCES OF THIS PLANET ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
THE IMMENSE PROJECT GOT UNDER WAY. EVERY CONCEIVABLE SKILL WAS INVOLVED, PLUS THE CAPACITY OF EVERY COMPUTER.
THE SHIP MUST BE ASSEMBLED IN SPACE. HAVE WE SUFFICIENT SHUTTLE CRAFT?
WE HAVE A HUNDRED AND FORTY AVAILABLE NOW, AND A PROGRAMME FOR THIRTY MORE IS UNDER WAY.

WHAT WEAPONS HAVE YOU LINED UP FOR HER, ANDY?
A FUSION CANNON, AND PRIMARY ATTACK CAPABILITY OF FIVE CANNON. THE SECONDARY SYSTEM IS AS FOLLOWS . . .

WITH THE CRAFT STILL FAR FROM FINISHED, TITON FORCES WERE REPORTED TO BE ON THE MOVE.

WILL THE CRAFT BE READY IN TIME?

NOT UNLESS WE SOLVE A PROBLEM. WE HAVEN'T THE MANOEUVRABILITY NECESSARY. WE'RE WORKING ON IT.

AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM MARSHALL BRAUN . . .

THEY RETURNED TO INOS.

A LONG RANGE SPY-SHELL HAS REPORTED A TITON WAR VESSEL ON ITS WAY.

THAT SHIP'LL HAVE TO BE DESTROYED. NOTHING MUST JEOPARDISE THE PROJECT.

KAIN ADDRESSED THE INOS FIGHTER PILOTS.

THE RIG'S COMPUTER HAS COME UP WITH THE ONLY WAY OF ELIMINATING A TITON VESSEL WITH THE WEAPONS WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL.

THE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED . . .
CAPTAIN GATT — TAKE YOUR FLIGHT OUT A QUARTER PARSEC BETWEEN THE TITONS AND THE PLANET . . . CUT OFF ANY LIFECRAFT ESCAPING.
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THE INOS FORCE SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES, BUT THEIR TACTICS BEGAN TO SLOW THE TITON VESSEL.
COMMANDER — SECONDARY DEFENCES MALFUNCTION — PRIMARY DEFENCES AT 20% POWER.
LAUNCH A HI-SPEED BEACON IMMEDIATELY!
THE TITON VESSEL'S EXPLODED.
MARSHALL BRAUN — DISTRESS BEACON WENT PAST US CLOSE TO THE SPEED OF LIGHT . . . NO CHANCE WHATEVER OF STOPPING IT!

KAIN HEARD THE NEWS.
SO NOW THEY KNOW SOMETHING'S UP — WE CAN EXPECT AN ATTACK VERY SOON.
BUT THERE ARE STILL TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE SHIP, I UNDERSTAND?
WE MUST SOLVE THEM! THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY I CAN SEE THAT WE CAN MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH IN TIME — LINK LORD KAIN DIRECTLY INTO THE JARKNESS COMPUTER!

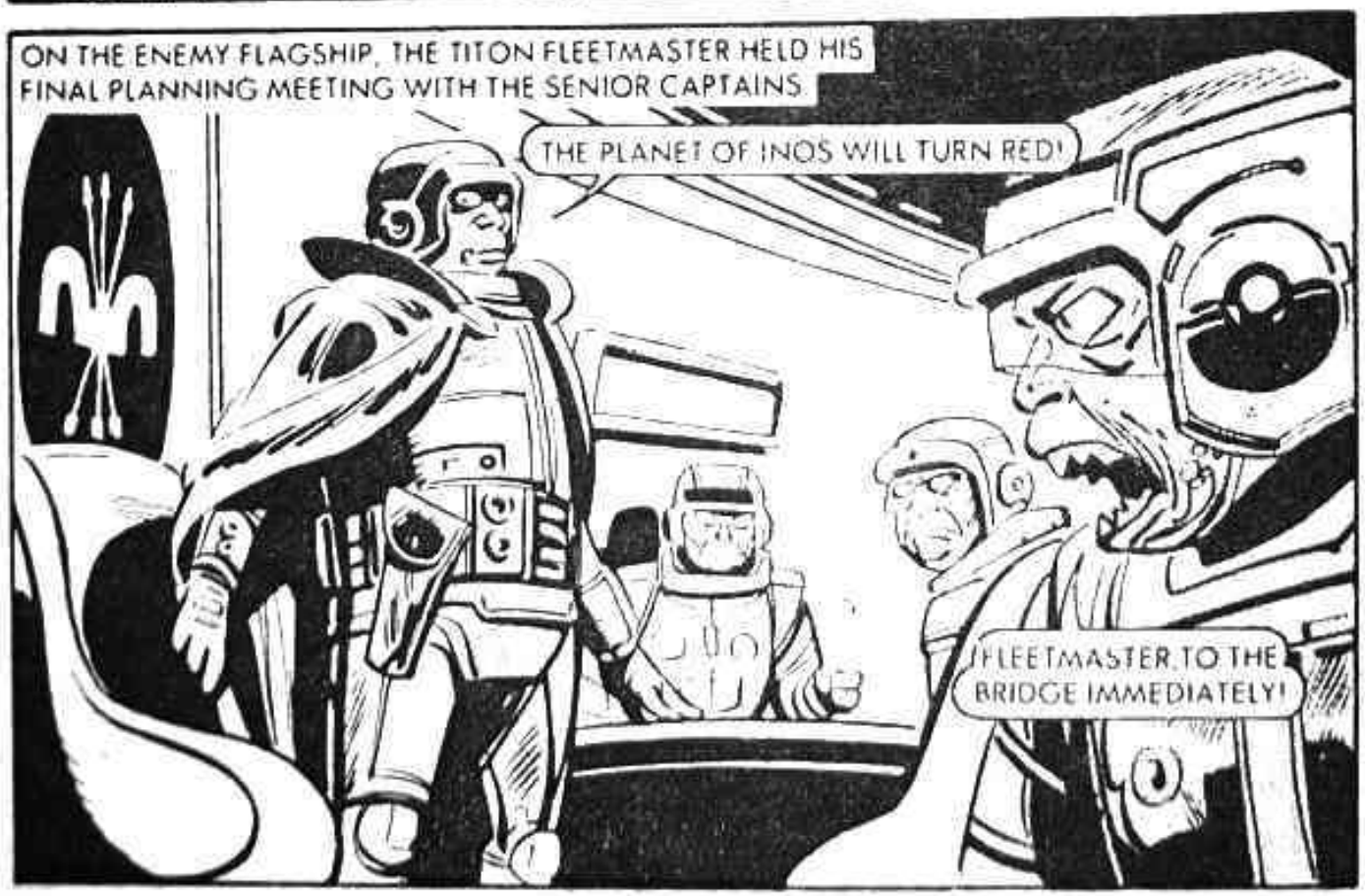
KAIN WAS LINKED TO A COMPUTER.
A COMPUTER, WHEN FACED WITH A PROBLEM, HAS TO GO THROUGH EVERY POSSIBLE COMBINATION. A HUMAN, ON THE OTHER HAND, CAN MAKE 'JUMPS' AND CUT OUT THE USELESS BITS!

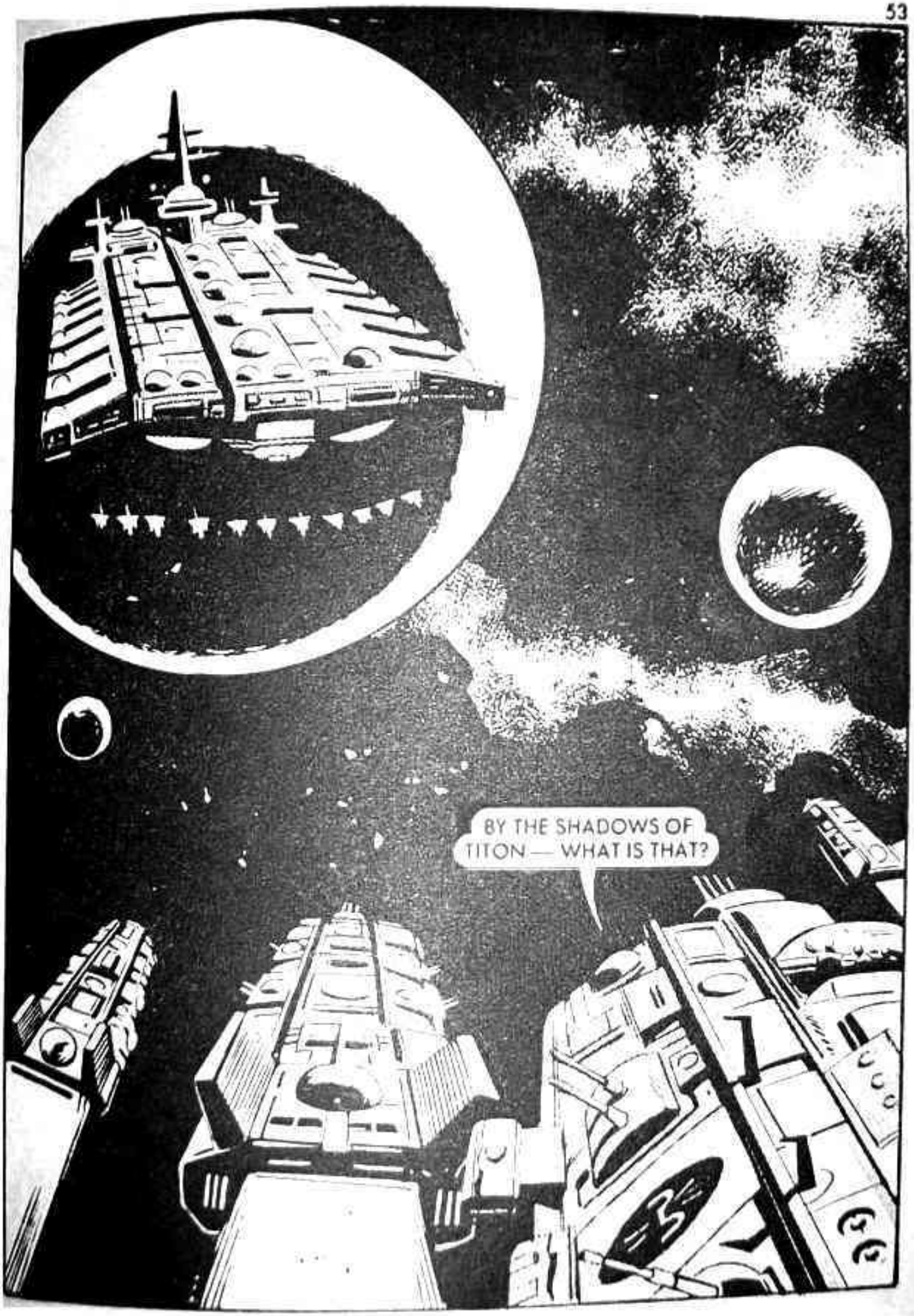
THE PROCESS WAS PAINFUL, AND DANGEROUS.

LORD KAIN HAS COME UP WITH A METHOD OF MANOEUVRING SATISFACTORILY. HEDTECH . . . SEE TO LORD KAIN.

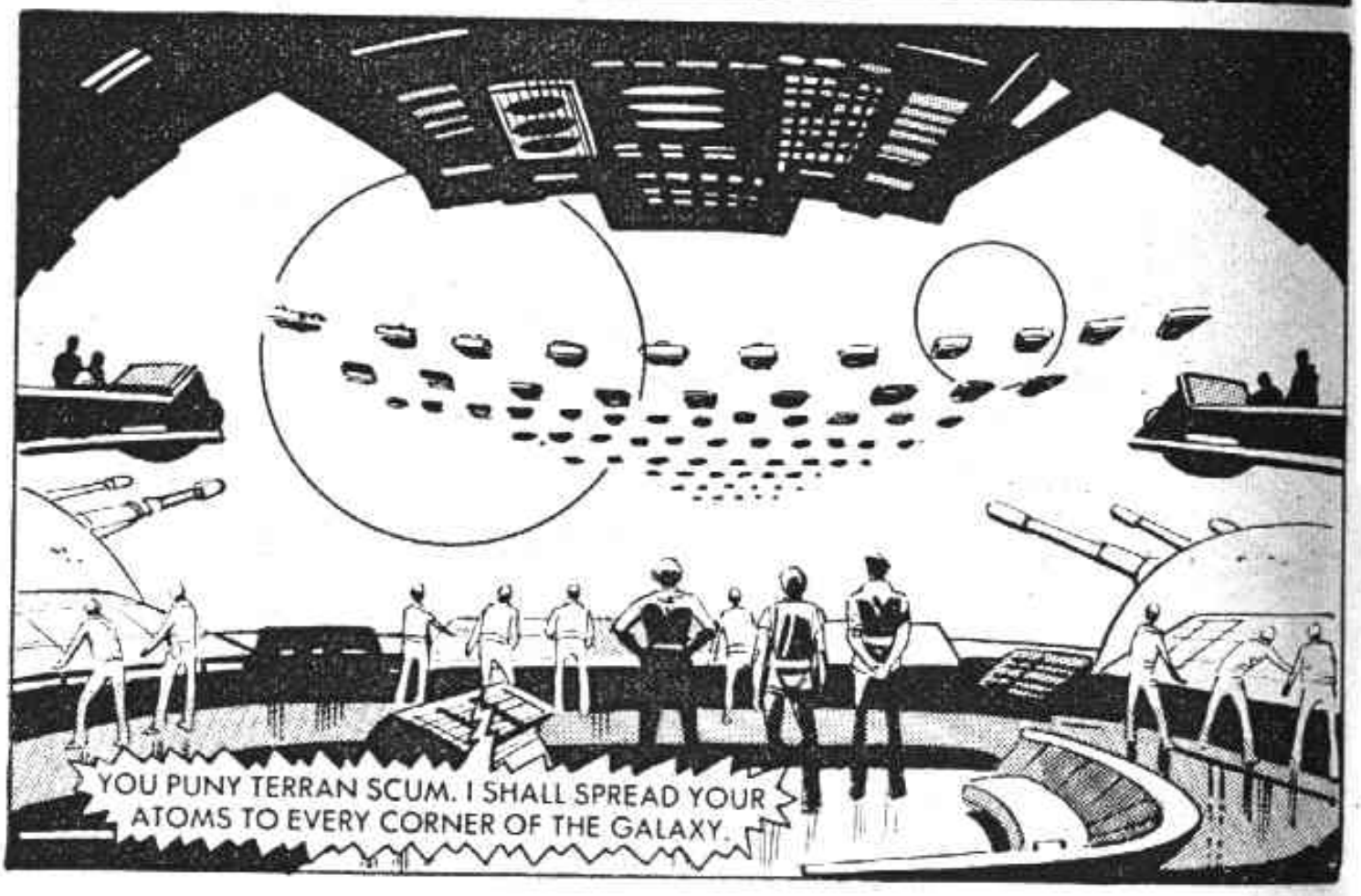
WITH A CONCENTRATED EFFORT, THE SHIP WAS COMPLETED.
WE ARE READY. THE CRAFT WILL BE FLOWN WITHOUT TRIALS BECAUSE WE HAVE NO TIME. THE TITONS ARE WITHIN ONE PERIOD OF INOS.

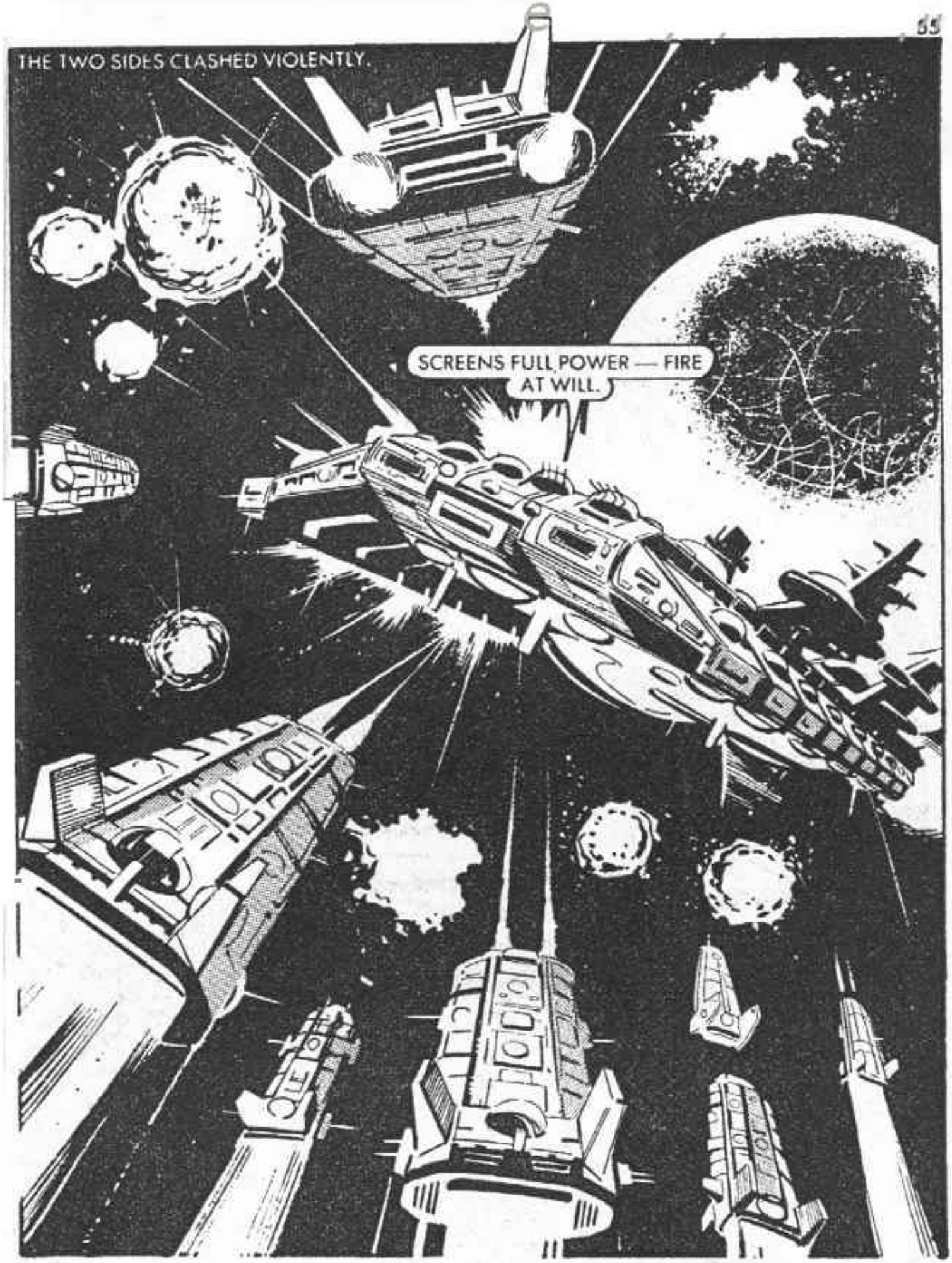
THE GIANT CRAFT PREPARED TO MEET THE TITON MENACE
TITON FLEET, SIR. RANGE EZ045P.


ON THE ENEMY FLAGSHIP, THE TITON FLEETMASTER HELD HIS FINAL PLANNING MEETING WITH THE SENIOR CAPTAINS.
THE PLANET OF INOS WILL TURN RED!
!FLEETMASTER, TO THE BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY!


BY THE SHADOWS OF TITON — WHAT IS THAT?

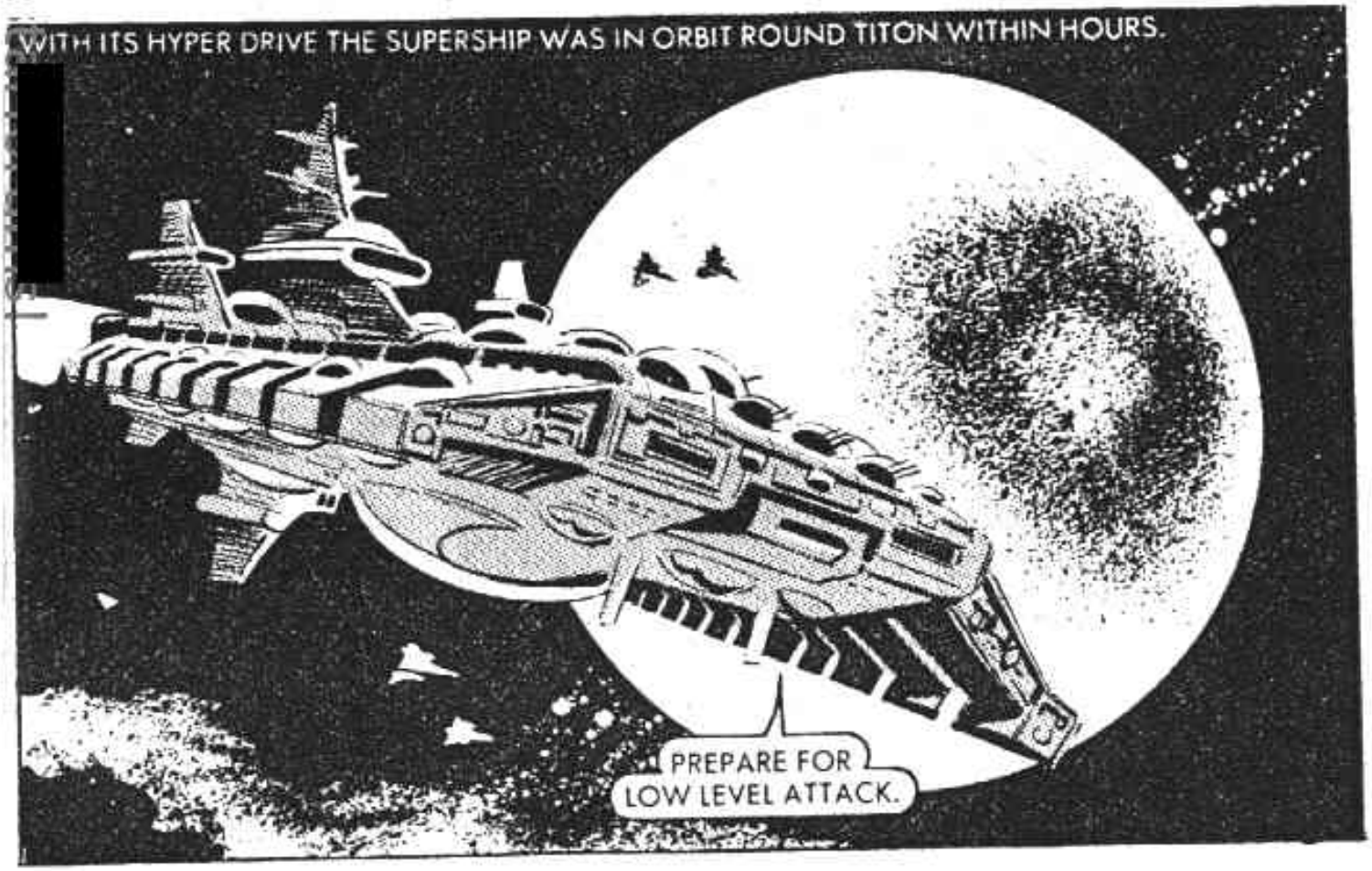
I, LORD KAIN OF JARKNESS, GIVE YOU TITON ONE CHANCE TO SURRENDER . . .
. . . LORD KAIN OF JARKNESS — DESROY HIM AND HIS SHIP.


YOU PUNY TERRAN SCUM. I SHALL SPREAD YOUR ATOMS TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GALAXY.


THE TWO SIDES CLASHED VIOLENTLY.
SCREENS FULL POWER — FIRE AT WILL.

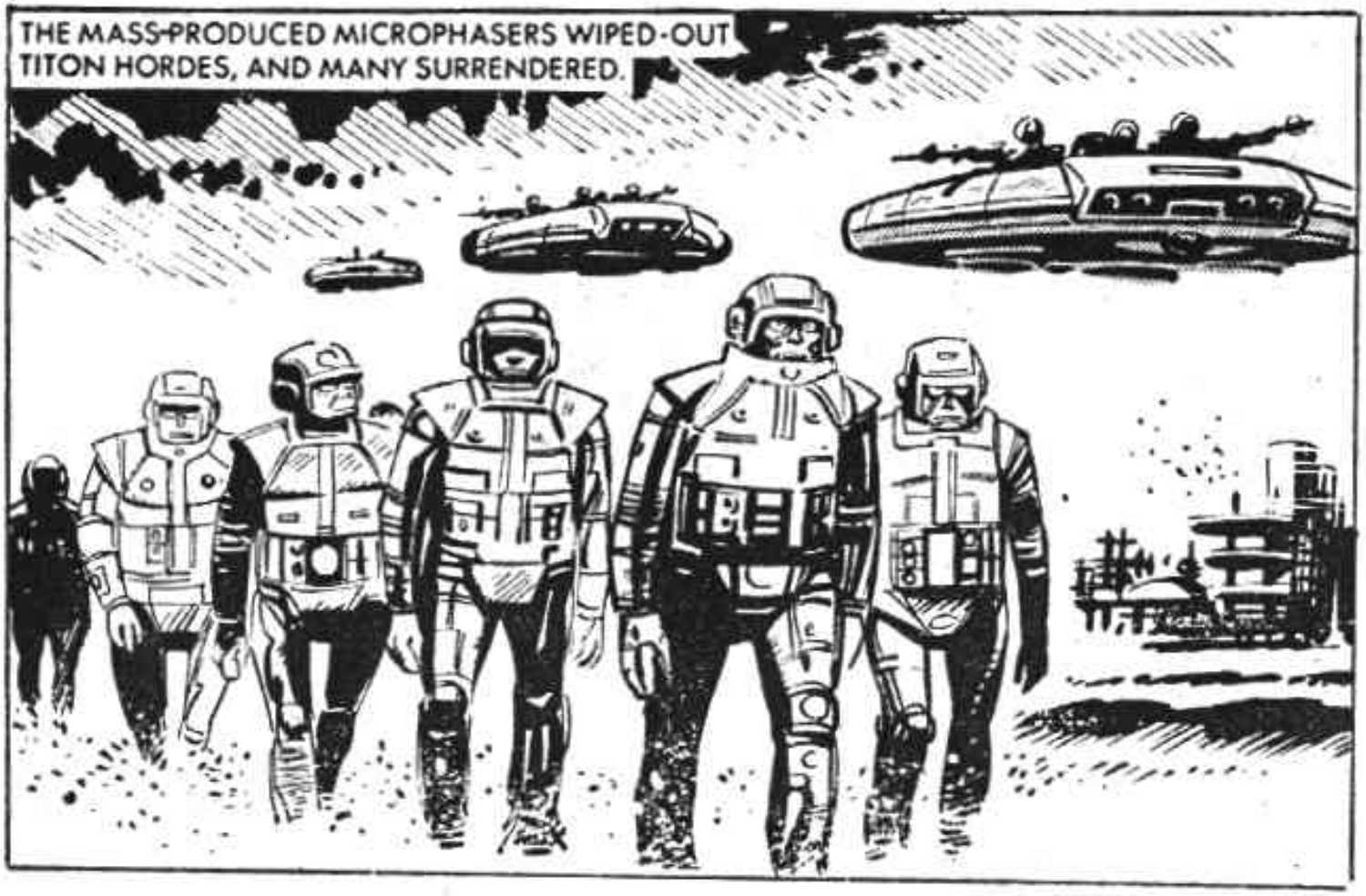
ENERGY RESERVES OVER 97% . . . TEMPERATURE CONSTANT . . . FIRE!
GRADUALLY THE TITON BATTLEFLEET WAS REDUCED TO WRECKAGE.
LORD KAIN, THE SURVIVING SHIPS WISH TO SURRENDER.
TRANSFER MEN TO INOS THEN WE'LL BLOW THEIR SHIPS APART.

LORD KAIN — MY THANKS FOR THE CREW AND FOR OUR WHOLE PLANET!
WE MUST GO TO TITON. HAVE THE SPACETROOPS EMBARK NOW.


WITH ITS HYPER DRIVE THE SUPERSHIP WAS IN ORBIT ROUND TITON WITHIN HOURS.
PREPARE FOR LOW LEVEL ATTACK.

THE GIANT CRAFT SWEPT OVER A TITON CITY.
COMJEEP . . . CO-ORDINATE ATTACK ON ARSENAL 01372.

THE JNOS STARTROOPS MET WITH STIFF RESISTANCE.


THE MASS-PRODUCED MICROPHASERS WIPED-OUT TITON HORDES, AND MANY SURRENDERED.

RETURN TO THE SHIP — WE LEAVE TO LIBERATE JARKNESS.

AFTER A LONG FLIGHT, THE STARTROOPERS DESCENDED ON JARKNESS.
HARN! YOU TAKE THE OTHER SIDE. TASS, ANDY — FREE THE SLAVES. I AM GOING THROUGH THE MAIN GATE.

THE CONCERTED ATTACK WAS DEVASTATING.

TO THE PALACE!

SO THE JARK REBEL AGAINST US. WELL, THAT IS A PITY . . .

YOU SHALL SHIELD ME FROM DEATH.

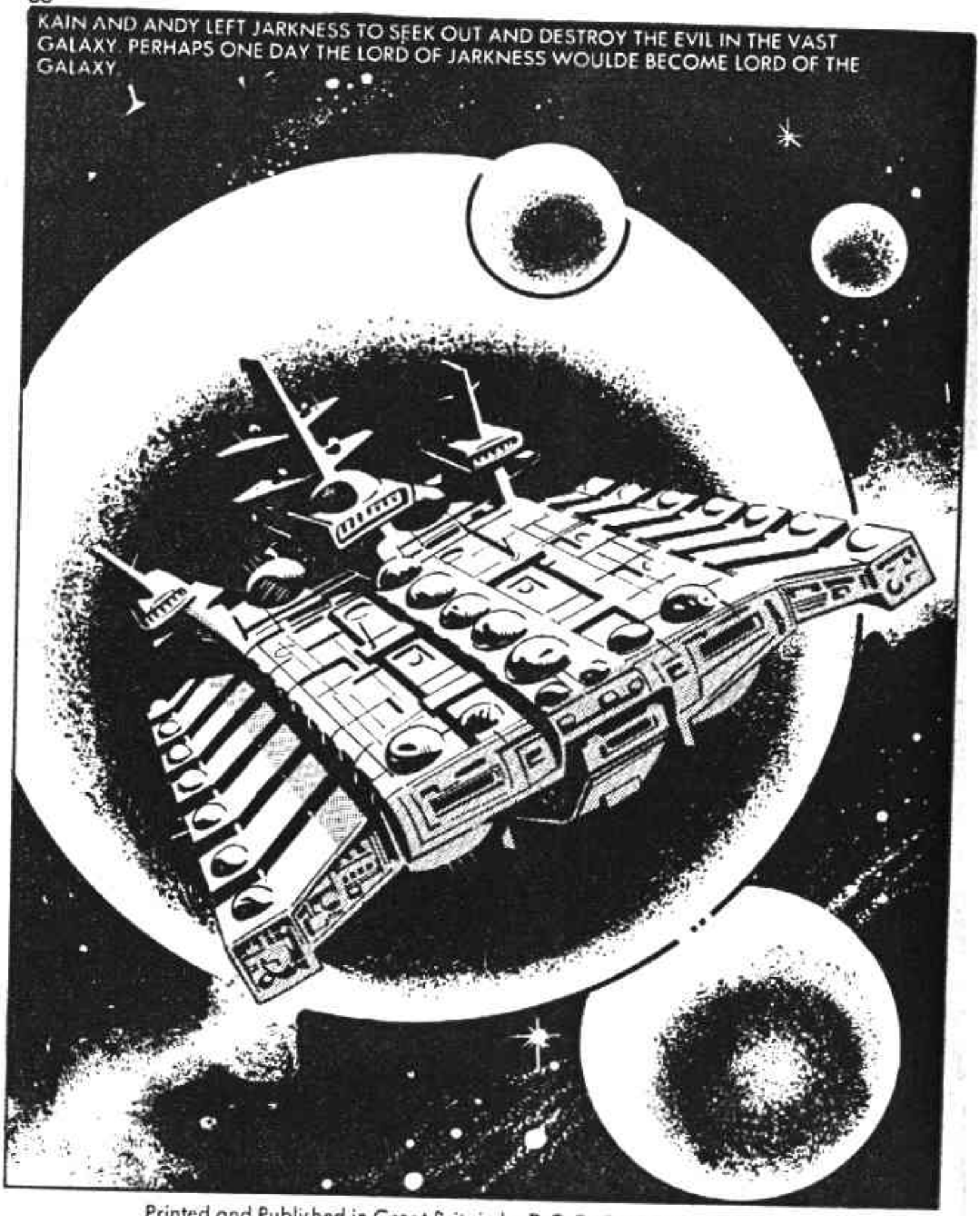
STOP, OR I WILL KILL THESE PEOPLE.

FORGET OUR PEOPLE — THE TITON OVERLORD MUST DIE.
KAIN! MY SON! DON'T DO IT. LET HIM GO.

IF I LET HIM GO HE WOULD ESCAPE — HE WOULD SLAUGHTER YOU BEFORE HE LEFT . . . ANDY, FIRE.
. . .

YOU COULD NOT KNOW OF THE MICROPHASER. I AM SORRY ABOUT THE WAY YOU WERE INTRODUCED TO IT.
MY SON. EVEN IN THE DARKEST NIGHT I KNEW YOU WOULD NOT FAIL ME — YOU ARE TRULY LORD KAIN OF JARKNESS.

AS THE SITUATION RETURNED TO NORMALITY.
WE INVITE YOU TO BE SUPREME HEAD OF THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED FEDERATION OF ANDRASTA, INOS AND JARKNESS.
NO, MY FRIENDS. YOU ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD RULE. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH. I MUST GO FROM HERE AND CONTINUE MY SEARCH.



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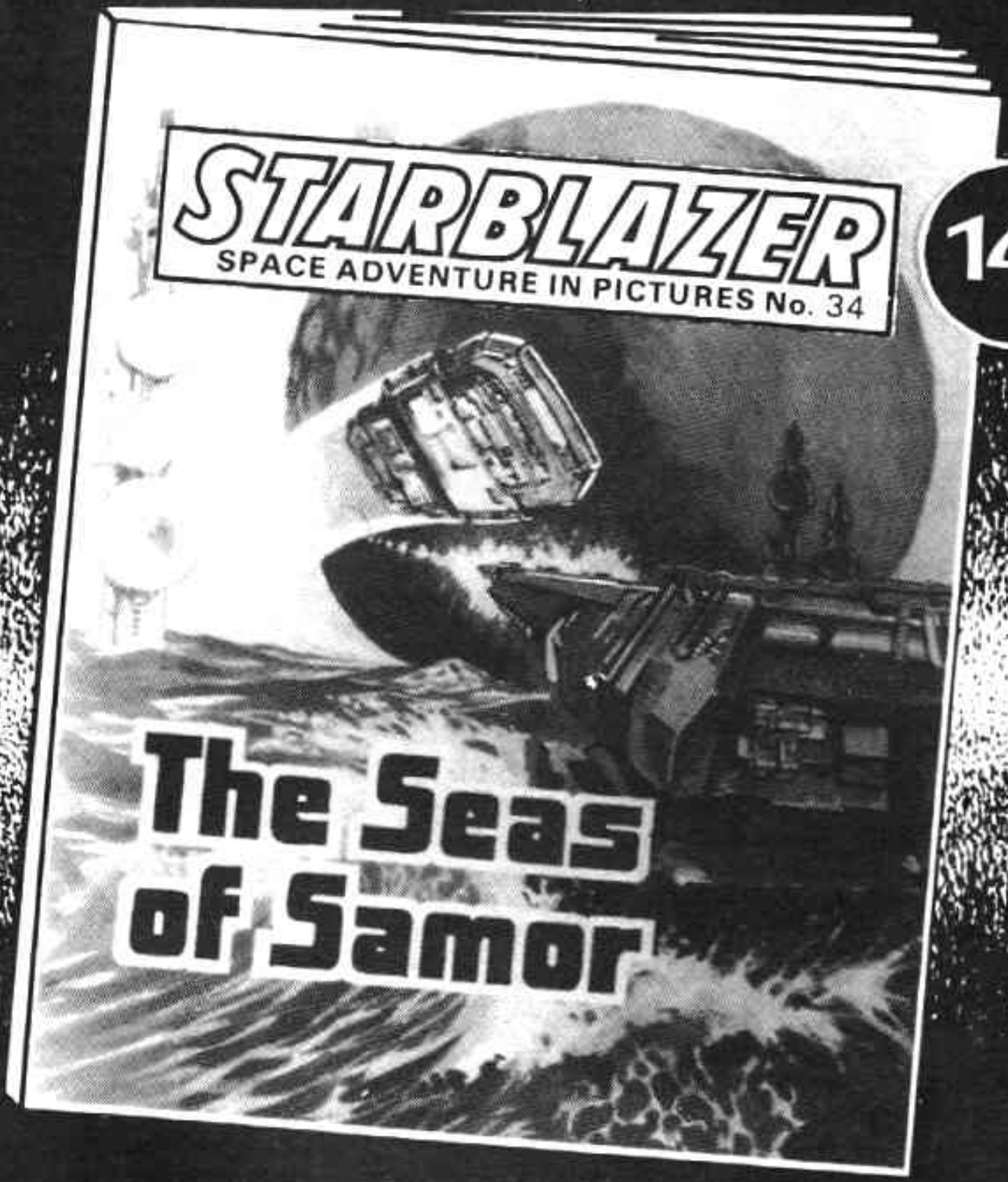

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